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Bachelor Philosophy.

BY LEWIS J. CRST.

"Ay! 'tis man's best philosophy' when woman proves untrue:
The loss of one should only teach to make another do."
HOLMES.

"These gentlemen accept all the pleasures of society, and support none of its expenses. They dine out, and are not bound to give dinners in return. Instead of taking a box by the year, they buy an admission for life; their carriage only holds two, and they are never obliged to sit down with a dowager. Weddings, christenings, fêtes—nothing comes amiss to them. They are never called papa; they are not regularly assailed with milliners', haymakers', and jewellers' bills. We never see them running themselves in knots for conjugal rights; to them '*La Belle Mère*' is destitute of point, and they yawn at '*La femme délaissée*.' They are never godfathers for expediency, they sleep in peace during the best part of the morning—leave balls when they like, and—*cannot money in the funds!*"—*Quarterly Review.*

I'm fairly bored to death, to hear and read
In trashy novels and degenerate plays,
Of true love crossed—hearts broken—stuff indeed
May well a man of common sense amaze
To break one's heart!—the thing is most absurd,
It never hath been done by mortal man
And as to woman—take fire it my word,—
Not only never *hath*, but never can!
Such silly nonsense is but fit for fools,
Or, (quite the same, for girls at boarding-schools!
A 'broken heart!'—Ay! that's a methodical the word.
And yet 'tis strange—'tis 'passing strange' to me,
That any thing, of which so much is heard,
And read and spoken, we should never see,
At least, I'm sure I never yet saw one—,
Though candor does require me to confess
I needs believe that Mickolfo's famous son
Reports one doubtless as authentic case
But he is his own folly met his fate,
Striving to lift too ponderous a weight!
Yet, I will frankly own, there was a time—
Though I'm ashamed the folly to acknowledge
However, it was long before my prime.
It hung in my youthful days at college—
I then but verged upon discretion's brink,
And hence perhaps was not so much to blame;
Time was though, I was fool enough to think
Love was not all a fiction—a mere name!—
That vows there were, might constancy betoken,
And some few fond hearts, might perhaps be broken
Since then, however, I've had leisure given—
Long years of thought—deep, and not melancholy,
In which, to reconcile myself with Heaven,
And to repent my most egregious folly,
In dreaming of the possibility
In such an all-perfidious world as this,
Of constance—or perfect constancy
Or truth in fickle woman's treacherous kiss
(On this last score I haven't much to grieve
In fact, 'tis what I never did believe
I am not a misanthropist, I'm sure,
I can admire the Nature, and I do,
I love the bright, the beautiful, the pure
And childhood innocent, and manhood true
And I admire a pretty woman's face—
I might indeed declare, I think I'm all
She has to recommend her—let that pass—
Over her fascination let the curtain fall;
But I was never one of those weak things
Who think her—all an angel—save the wings
But yet a something there might be, I thought,
Is man's fond love, and woman's faithfulness,
In truth and constancy, and—God knows what,
I've found their words of empty show and dress
I even dreamed that I would never be
Should she—my heart's betrothed, e'er prove untrue;
Well! she did so—as easily we parted,
As she would cast aside a worn out shoe
A little touched my heart might be, but then
It very soon grew light and whole again.
And now I've learned to think with Doctor Hot.mn.—
Who is *an pleasant*, a most glorious fellow
He's but a fool who at the falsehood frams
Of any one that ever trod pruella!
Reader! the wisest thing that you can do—
I've tried the plan, and know that it will answer,)
Whene er one lovely woman proves untrue,
—just think out another—and then you can, sir,
Although, for my part, when one proved untrue,
For her, I now make twenty down do!
For men, I take things easy—rave about,
And love each pretty woman that I meet
Decidedly—until I find her out
To be as are they all, but that deceit
Yet when I find her so, I do not grieve,
'Tis but what I expect—so without pother,
Regretless, or the like, I take my leave,
And cast around—until I meet another!
That strikes my fancy—she's made to find
In my constructed, present state of mind
I own it once on easy matter seemed,
But that was at an early time of life,
The when—a silly, crack brained youth, I dreamed
I dreamed of love and happiness—marriage and a wife
Thank Heaven, that snare's escaped! and now it is
A most undifferent, trifling sort of matter,
To find a dozen pretty girls—to kiss,
Flirt with, make love to, dance and smile and chatter,
Although my vows I have to keep wide open,
That none to matrimony too may rope in!
But still a most delightful thing I find
This sipping sweets from each enchanting flower
Yet free to wander on and leave behind
I'd stated, all the latter and its sour
And when some fine lady—or fine lady—whose lovely form,
If all mine own, 'twould kill me to resign,
I turn to others, still with beauty, warm,
And thank God Heaven the treasure was n' mine!
Let Benedicts, then, boast of child and wife,
Be mine the Bachelor's free and merry life!

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Original Tales.

Written for the Saturday Evening Post.

The Rover.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "CRUISING IN THE LAST WAR," "THE BRAVES OF '76," &c. &c.

A man this apprehends death to be no more dreadful but as a drunken sleep, careless, reckless, and fearless of what's past, present, or to come. *Measure for Measure.*

The convent-bells are ringing,
But mournfully and slow
In the gray cathedral tower swinging
With a dull sound to and fro.
Heavily to the heart they go!
Hark! the brass is singing—
The song for the dead below
Or the living, who shortly shall go!
Byron.

The first rays of the morning sun were just beginning to streak the eastern seaboard, and the breeze came fresher and more inspiring across the waters as if rejoicing in the coming day, when a low rakish looking schooner, whose dark hull was unrelieved even by a streak of white, was seen opening around the headland of San Pietro. As she came into sight, on the eastern side of the promontary, the first rays of the rising sun fell full upon her outline, bringing every spar and rope out into bold relief, and revealing a beauty of proportion in her hull and rig such as was rarely beheld, especially in the distant Pacific. Her long jaunty hull, her tall tapering masts, her exquisitely arched bumper, and the lofty pyramid of canvass far away into the sky as she bore up on her course, were all calculated to arrest the eye even of an unskilled landsman. Not would his curiosity be lessened by the seemingly profound silence on her decks. The quiet and desertion of the deed appeared to reign over the approaching craft. No flag fluttered from her gaff, no one except the helmsman appeared upon the decks, and only a solitary remnant beside, was seen lounging listlessly over the fore-topsail-yard, as if engaged in some repair. Even when she had weathered the headland, and wore around on the other tack, her sails appeared to be handled as if by magic. No men were detected on her decks; but her canvass was seen to shake as instant in the breeze, and then filling on the opposite tack, the schooner laid her course across the blue Pacific, throwing the water high over the forecastle, and leaving a long and glittering wake behind her.

But had you mounted the deck of that little craft you would have seen that she was any thing but deserted. Sheltered from sight by her bulwarks, and clustering down the fore-hatchway in crowded groups, might be seen scores of dark ruffian-looking desperadoes, habited in every costume of civilized society, and all armed to the teeth. On her white holy stoned decks were more than one brass cannon. Muskets were ranged around the masts in imposing array. Every thing in short betokened that the schooner's trade was war, and war of the most deadly character, because piratical.

But it is to the cabin of the schooner—a small, low, but exquisitely furnished apartment—we would introduce the reader; and the object to which we would direct attention was the figure of a girl, just budding into womanhood, lying, or rather kneeling on the locker, apparently absorbed in grief. Her dark glossy hair was unbound, and fell over a neck and bosom of drawn snow, while the long silken lashes, now wet with tears, drooped heavily over her cheek of transparent whiteness. Her dress was careless and disordered, but costly and splendid. The extremity of mortal agony was written on her face. Her hands were clasped before her as if in supplication, and her dark swimming eyes, although occasionally straying to the door as if to detect the entrance of some dreaded visitor, were raised in prayer to heaven. Now and then her lips parted, and the broken petitions which fell sobbing from her, betrayed not only the sincerity of her prayer, but the unrivalled sweetness of her voice. Suddenly she started half upright, and a deadly paleness overspread her face, while she gazed with a wild dilated eye, as if fascinated by some evil power, on the form of a man, who, at that moment, entered the cabin. The intruder was one who could not be seen without feeling that he was an extraordinary being. It was not in his dress that this superiority was distinguishable, for he was attired in the usual costume of the day. But in his tall symmetrical figure, as if made to command; in the broad forehead which looked as if it might rule an empire; and in the dark passionate eye, gleaming out beneath the overhanging brow, and seeming to cast defiance at a world,—you beheld the secret of the awe which his presence always inspired. But now his usual stern expression of countenance was singly blended with another, half supplicating, half libertine, an expression which made the maiden shudder as at a serpent, and well accounted for her blanched cheek, her gasping breath, and her horror-stricken eye. She gazed on him a moment fearfully, and then buried her face hurriedly in her robe.

"Senora," said the visiter, and then, as if abashed by the presence of that unprotected girl, he was silent.

The maiden answered not, nor moved. With her face still shrouded in her robe and averted from the speaker, she cowered on the locker, her whole frame trembling like an aspen.

"Senora," said the intruder in a soft, entreating tone.

"What would ye have of me?" said the maiden, with a sudden energy, raising her head up and gazing at the intruder proudly with her dark lustrous eyes.

"I come," said the Rover—for such he was—"to renew again, sweet one, my protestations of affection, to offer you my heart, my all. I am not wholly what I seem. No grandee in all Spain, could, or can, boast a purer blood than myself, and though I am now the Rover of the seas, is it not better to live a king over a gallant craft like this, than to crouch at the knee of, and suffer wrong uncompanioning from, a dotard old man whom infirmity alone makes a monarch? Yes! I am the slaver, even though our chains are gold. I love you, maiden, I have loved you long. Be mine, and every wish of yours, however impossible to gratify it may seem to others, shall be gratified. Be mine, sweet one," and he advanced towards the maiden, and would have taken her hand. But she sprang indignantly back.

"Off, off, base miscreant," said the girl, "would ye tear me from my home, and then insult me with your love?" and her eyes flashed fire as she spoke. The lip of the Rover quivered an instant with anger, but with a strong effort he controlled his passion, and said,

"You speak hardly of me, lady, but such is the privilege of your sex. You know me not, or you would judge me less harshly. You forget it was the very intensity of my love for which induced me to adopt these measures to win you. We mariners," he added, affecting a gayer tone, "have a way of our own in wooing, and if perhaps there is apparent roughness in it, our love is not, therefore, the less ardent. Believe me, from the first hour when I saw you, a year ago, at San Pietro, I have loved you as I never loved woman before. You resisted my advances, but my passion only increased. Again and again I sought to win your love, but at every successive attempt I was repulsed. What had I to do? Must I sit down, and, like a heartless boy, give over all hope? No—never let that be said of Diego de Santiago! I renounced rank and wealth and what the world calls honor, but which men call slavery, sooner than cringe before a tyrant, and must I renounce the hope of winning you at a less peril? I chose the part of a robber—if you will have it—of a free Rover of the seas, and bore you off. What may seem harsh in my conduct, let the warmth of my love excuse. Be mine, dearest," he said in the tone rather of a supplicant than of a conqueror, "and Queen shall not live more sumptuously than thou. We will sweep the seas in our gay bark, or seek some ever verdant island, where we may spend our lives in bliss, such as the solemn cantera of civilized society never knew. Say but the word, and be mine, and even the church shall be invoked if you so wish it, to sanction our union."

Hitherto the Rover had spoken without interruption, pouring forth his passion with a rapidity and eagerness that took away from his listener the power of speech; but at length, indignation seemed to overcome every other feeling on the part of the maiden, and raising her arm as if to repel the speaker, she said,

"No more, lawless man—I spurn, despise, spit upon you. You have me in your power—what" and she clasped her hands with a look of utter despair—"but never shall I consent to the degradation of being yours."

"Ha!" hissed the pirate, his face becoming livid with rage, and his whole demeanor instantaneously changing, "do you dare to hurdy words like these with me! Then by St. Jerome!—you shall know that it is easier to chide than to pacify the lion.—Mine you are, and mine you shall be. I swear it by all that is holy in heaven and outcast in hell. Yes! proud as you now are, the time shall come when you will beg as a boon what you now spurn. Those lips of yours, mistress fair, are wondrous sweet to utter such biting words," and, with a sneering smile, he advanced towards the girl.

Pale as death, yet firm as a statue, stood the forsaken maiden, awaiting his approach. Her bosom heaved with agitation, and her eye, flashing in unusually bright, was fixed on the Rover, but before he had advanced more than a step towards her, she plucked a dagger from her bosom, and holding it clenched in her right hand said,

"Come nigher but one step and I plunge this in my heart."

The tone, the look, the gesture,—all spoke the determined soul of the speaker; and awed by her heroic demeanor, the Rover paused and gazed admiringly on her.

"By the holy saints you queen it well—you should have been a princess. I love you the more for this spirit. Once more, Senora, listen to and accept me; if you refuse, I swear by everything sacred you shall still be mine."

"Monster, I scorn, I defy you," said the indignant girl, "never shall I submit to dishonor, so long as the steel can give me a refuge in death. Advance but one step and I strike."

The Rover hesitated. The proud form of the maiden seeming to dilate as she spoke;—her flashing eye, determined look, and upraised hand; and the consciousness that she could effect her purpose in defiance of him, if he advanced, induced the Rover for a moment to pause. Nothing could be lost, at any rate, he thought, by temporizing. An instant they stood mutually regarding each other, but the eye of the girl quailed not beneath his own. What might have been the result we cannot tell, but while the Rover and his prisoner stood gazing at each other as if spell-bound by a basilisk, a sudden hurrying was heard on deck, a gun boomed sullenly over the waters, and more than one voice loudly summoned the pirate by name. Hastily turning on the maiden, he lifted the curtain behind him, and in a moment had disappeared. No sooner had his form vanished, than his victim, losing the energy she had, throughout the interview, displayed, sank down as if overcome by her position, on the locker, and burying her face again in her robe, sobbed aloud. She felt she had obtained only a momentary respite, and that nothing was before her but dishonor or death.

When the Rover reached the deck of his vessel, his first glance was directed intuitively toward the coast, which they were now rapidly leaving; and no sooner had his eyes rested on the headland which they had passed but an hour or so before, than he saw a schooner, almost within long cannon shot, and evidently in chase. She was a long narrow sharp clipper-built craft, bending beneath an enormous press of canvass, and apparently capable of vieing in velocity even with the pirate's vessel. It needed no second look to perceive that her decks were crowded with men. Now and then from a gun, mounted amidships, she would send a ball whizzing after the Rover, and again, for many minutes, she would hold on her course without firing a shot. As she bowed beneath the freshening gale, sending the spray flying far over her forecastle, she presented a sight so beautiful, that even the Rover could not withhold a word of sedentary admiration. His brow, however, soon grew clouded, as he beheld the gain she was making on his vessel, and raising his voice, after a hasty survey of the horizon, and then at the hamper of his craft, he shouted

"Lay aloft, there, fore-top-men—away all—loose and shoot home."

The men sprung to their stations, and, in obedience to their leader's rapid orders, the canvass of the Rover was soon nearly doubled, and with his masts bending over like whip-stalks to the horizon, and the spray flying in showers from beneath his stem, the pirate's vessel dashed off, like a courser when he feels the spur. But a moment passed, however, before the pursuer was seen throwing out all his light sails, and, with redoubled speed, pressing after the chase.

"By Santiago!" muttered the Rover, betwixt his teeth, "they gain on us despite all we can do. Ay! and I see through it all. This clipper is the vessel of that young officer to whom my prize was betrothed; for nothing but love could induce the madcap to crack on sail as he is doing. Holy Father! how his sticks curve under the gale. But he has caught too yet. Ha! ha! I see the men aloft as you go aloft—and let buckets be whipped up, to wet down the sails. One thing," he continued, resuming his soliloquy, "at least, I can make certain, that he shall not regain his bride while I live, will fly him if I can, for there is no booty in case of victory, but if he outsails me, I will fight—and God assoilzie him if he crosses the Rover's path in battle."

As he ceased, this strange man paused in his hurried walk to and fro on the quarter-deck, and casting another uneasy glance at the pursuing vessel, he exclaimed, "Ah! we hold our own now—keep wetting down the sails—that's it, merrily, merrily."

While these events were passing on board the Rover's vessel, the greatest anxiety was displayed among his pursuers to overtake the pirate in combat. For years he had been the scourge of the southern seas, robbing ships, plundering towns, carrying off prisoners for ransom, and practising enormities so fearful, that even his fellows turn pale at the mention of his name. None knew from whence he came, though it was said he was a noble, outlawed for some crime. His course was as rapid as his purposes were deadly. Today he would be heard of plundering a vessel hundreds of leagues away, and to-morrow he would appear before the astonished town and lay a contribution on its inhabitants. Possessed of a fast sailing craft, and boasting a crew as reckless as they were brave, there was no deed, from the commission of which, he seemed to shrink,—and his attacks were generally so sudden that the small and almost defenceless towns along the coast had no opportunity to organize a resistance before he would be in their midst. Thus for more than three years had he carried terror and desolation on his path.

At length, however, a young officer, of noble blood, from the mother country, was specially commissioned by the Viceroy to undertake his subjugation, and for that purpose orders were sound from the treasury for the construction of a fast sailing schooner, of the model which the Rover was said to have chosen for his own craft. The young Don Emanuel Hispano, her future commander, was entrusted with the direction of this work, and the result was the launch and the outfit of the royal vessel about a fortnight prior to the opening of our story.

It was while on a visit to the inland capital of the little port of San Pietro, that the young officer had beheld in a church, for the first time, the beautiful Donna Isabella Manecho. Like Petrarch he was from that instant her slave. He did not rest until he had obtained an introduction to the beautiful heiress,—and before many months had elapsed it was confidently whispered that Donna Isabella was to be his bride. How was he astounded by the intelligence received by him, within a few days after the catastrophe, that the Rover had made a descent on the coast, within a few leagues of the place where Don Diego lay with his new craft, and carried off Donna Isabella, from her father's country residence. Never did man act with more energy than Don Emanuel when he received the intelligence of the Donna's capture from her almost heartbroken parent. The moment offered to redeem, by the perpetration of so grave an outrage almost, as it were, within hail of a government vessel, would have fired the young officer with a thirst for revenge, even if the lady had not, guaded by the madness by his knowledge of the ruthlessness of the hands into which the Donna Isabella had passed. Within an hour, therefore, after receiving the intelligence of the outrage, the royal schooner had slipped her cable, and is standing out to sea under a press of sail. Happily the Rover had been ignorant of the proximity of Don Emanuel, and, in laying his course, he approached so near to the young officer's station, that it was not long before the royal vessel detected her adversary in the offing. Every exertion was made to come up to the foe, and with what success we have already seen.

Meanwhile the chase was becoming deeply interesting. The two vessels had been visible for a well out from the land, and as no sail was in sight there was no possibility of interference by friend or foe. Every exertion was made by the one party to keep ahead, and by the other to overhaul the opponent. Although at first and while close in to the shore, the pursuer had seemed to have the advantage, yet, when further out at sea, her superiority, whether from the subsidence of the wind or from some other cause, was less evident. Now fortune seemed to favor one, and now to smile upon the other. Occasionally the pursuer would draw ahead until close to those her metal into the chase, when she would generally fall off and the Rover recover his advantage. A practised eye would have been puzzled to tell, after an hour's pursuit, whether the royal, or the piratical vessel was likely to gain her purpose.

"Oh! for but a half an hour alongside that craven villain," ejaculated Don Emanuel passionately, as he walked his quarter deck eagerly gazing after the chase, and soon pausing to order the sails to be wet down again. "oh! for half an hour, hand to hand, with the Rover himself! I vow a golden candlestick to our lady of Lorette, if we but overtake him in time."

"Our metal can touch him now, I think," interposed the second in command, an old weather-beaten sea-dog, whose age was a warrant for any suggestion he might make, "and if we could but wing him, he would be ours."

"You speak truth, Anselmo," said his superior, "ho! there, cut me away you craven's top-sail" he continued, addressing the gunner, "fall not steady, steady."

With unusual care the gun was pointed, the bearded tar glanced his eye knowingly along the piece, the match was applied, out streamed the sheet of fire, and, while the smoke puffed up to windward, and then floated back in broken wreaths, the ball might be seen whizzing on its way, and passing a fathom or more above the truck of the Rover.

"Too high—too high—lower it a little, and you have them," eagerly said the young commander, "there—ha! I will right the gun myself—a little less elevated—now we have it—and God speed the ball."

They watched the progress of the iron missive breathlessly, and a shout of applause burst simultaneously from all, as the ball struck the topmast post above the cap. Down came the stick, bearing with it yard, bumper and sail, and dragging them a wreck over the side. A dozen hands could be seen springing up the rigging to remedy the disaster. But the damage was done: the Rover fell off at once from his course.

"We have him—we have him," exultingly shouted the young lover, "to our lady be all the praise—keep her up—ah! we gain on her, we overhaul her; do my eyes deceive me that she is coming down on us."

"It is even so," coolly said his lieutenant, "they have plucked up courage enough to fight."

"And bitterly will they rue it, for victory must be ours. Yes!" and he, enthusiastically, "they have scourged these seas long enough, and we must either conquer them or die sword in hand. Isabel! Isabel!" he added, with a passionate burst of tenderness, "thou shalt yet be saved, or"—and he paused, and then added solemnly, "or—bitterly avenged."

It was a gallant sight to see these two vessels, each bravely apportioned, and each bearing defiance on their front, approach each other. No sooner had the Rover put his helm up and wore, crossing his after yards, and running up his blood-red flag, than his pursuer ceased firing, and silently bore up toward him. For more than a quarter of an hour an almost profound stillness reigned along the decks of the royal schooner. The men were already at their quarters, each armed to the teeth, the deck was sanded, and the shot brought to the guns, while the powder boys stood by ready to pass up the ammunition at a moment's warning; and thus, ready and eager for the contest, the gallant crew of the young officer, grimly waited for the approach of the foe. Whatever might have been their demeanor during the comparatively less exciting moments of the chase, their feelings were now wrought up to a pitch too great for words. Silently, sternly, bodingly, they gazed at the approaching ship, or if they spoke, it was only to mutter a curse on the pirates. Many had suffered directly or indirectly by the acts of the Rover, all had sympathised with his victims and burned to avenge them; and now, when they saw him before them, and when besides they knew that their lot must be victory or death, the intensity of their feelings may well be imagined. Their flashing eyes, their angry brows, and their compressed lips told, by signs, more eloquent than words, the unalterable nature of their hate.

Meanwhile the rival vessels were approaching, and were now almost within pistol-shot of each other. The crew of the Rover could be seen thronging like bees at their stations. The moment for action was at hand.

"Now," quickly whispered the young officer to his lieutenant, "let each man mark well his aimand all depends on the first broadside—now, *fire*."

They needed no second word. From nun to man and from gun to gun, the impassioned order flew, and seeming to catch the enthusiasm of their leader, the crew poured in their fire with a celerity and deadliness which defies description. For one instant the side of the schooner was a blaze of fire, she reeled back as if a hurricane had struck her abeam, and a dense cloud of thick white smoke, enveloping her as in a shroud, shut out every thing from the view. Then followed the crash of spars, the splintering of wood, the shrieks of the wounded, and all the horrible din which ensues on a well directed broadside delivered at the cannon's mouth. All said that tempest of hails sped home. But it was but a short while, and the fight passed like a dream. They chased the last fugitive overboard, and then while the deck rang with shouts of victory, Anselmo, followed by a dozen trusty blades, dashed down the companion way to search for Isabel.

Who shall describe the feelings of the unpretexted girl, during the long hours which elapsed, between her interview with the Rover, and the present moment? After recovering from the burst of despair which followed her defiance of her lawless captor, her curiosity naturally became excited to learn what emergency summoned him on deck, but for a long time nothing occurred to explain the mystery, and, as the moments glided on, she began to fear anew the return of the Rover. At length, however—and oh! how her heart leaped at the sound—she heard again the booming of cannon across the waters. Could it be that there were pursued? She flung herself on her knees, and prayed it might be so. Suddenly the guns ceased. She listened, but all was still. Her heart beat, in an agony of suspense, painfully against her bosom, and her lips moved in fervent prayer for the safety of her lover. At length, however, the sound of supplicating voices ceased

very gratifying. And on the part of the females you shall see so many symptoms of good-humoured and real maternity mind as make you feel that mere, and, and true sympathies, are of no particular grade, of particular style of life.

But there seem to be a desire for the young, and there are ends for the more adult; and then again, to a supper or produce, with its hot game, old fowls, and fresh pastry, as if it had been the sole meal cooked in the house that day. The parlor and his company depart; the wine and spirits circulate; all begin to talk of parting, and are loth to part, till it grows late; and they have some of them sin or seven miles to go, perhaps, on a pitch-dark night, through by-ways, and with roads not to be boasted of. All at once, however, up rise the men to go, for their wives who asked and looked with imploring eyes on them, now above themselves cloaked and bonneted, and the carriages are heard with grinding wheels at the door. There is a boisterous shaking of hands, a score of invitations to come and do likewise, given to their entertainers, and they mount and away! When you see the blackness of the night, and consider that they have not achieved good liquor, and perceive at what a rate they drive away, you expect nothing else than to hear the next day, that they have dashed their vehicles to atoms against some post, or precipitated themselves into some quarry; but all is right. They have known their own capabilities, and are at home, safe and sound.

Such is a specimen of the festivities of what may be called the middle and substantial class of farmers; and the same thing holds, in degree, to the very lowest grade of them. The smallest farmer will bring you out the Cow'ry bowl he has; he will spare nothing, on a fair day occasion; and his wife will present you with her simple slice of current or cowslip wine, with an expressive smile, and a welcome that you feel to the heart in real, and a bestowal of a real pleasure to the officer.

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Acknowledgment.

We give our thanks to a large number of the subscribers of the Post, for the very handsome manner in which remittances have been made to us, for some time past, and for the quality of the funds, in which they have been made. We shall endeavor on our part to do justice to them in turn.

A word to those still in arrears. We shall be much obliged for a speedy settlement, as the volume is now opened, and we wish to start, unencumbered by back balances. Let the accounts all be settled up, and we will take a *fair* start together and see who shall first tire in the race. *We shall continue to issue a splendid paper.*

To Correspondents.

"R." will see his lines in next week's Post. We have amended them in one or two particulars. If he sees fair, he will yet do something. Let him be of good heart.

"Cora Bacx," shall appear at an early date.

"To Mary" is, as Lamb would say, "rathersh" simple. Hear the love-sick cream.

I will cling to thee till death,
Let thy fate (face?) be dark or fair,
And as *fainest* my latest breath,
I will breathe *other* name to pray.

We never before knew that death and health rhymed. But verily we learn something daily. After this we can believe the *author's* assertion that his verses are *impromptu*.

The "Eve of Battle" is accepted. The other article to which the author alludes, viz. The Return—is too crude for publication. He will best advance his interest by suppressing it.

"Sauvenir" tale will appear shortly. Mary thanks.

"Absolve" cannot be allowed a place in our columns.

The United States Navy.

We have often wondered at the apathy which Congress has exhibited respecting an increase of our Navy, when it is well known that nothing would be more generally popular than such a step. Fashion, however, is ever short-sighted; and for years fashion has controlled Congress. President making has been apparently the sole aim of both parties in our National Legislature, and with few exceptions every act adopted there has been passed with the expectation that it would have more or less bearing on the success of some favorite candidate. In short, patriotism has been almost exiled from Washington. It is no wonder, therefore, that the Navy—the right arm of our defence, as it is proudly called—should have been neglected. How long shall those things be?

Our Navy is, we regret to say, scarcely sufficient to protect our commerce; and in comparison with the navies of other countries it sinks into insignificance. We have cut the following [illegible] from the Pensacola Gazette, estimating our present force in ships of war. The table fully establishes our position, that the Navy is not [illegible] the—some was furnished by a U. S. Naval Officer.

Name.	Rate.	Guns.	Rate.
	Ships of the Line.		
Franklin	74	Alabama	60
Washington	74	Vermont	60
Columbus	74	Virginia	80
Ohio	80	Pennsylvania	120
North Carolina	80	Total 10.	
Delaware	80		
	Guns.		
Independence	54	Total 1.	
	Frigates of the First Class.		
United States	44	Cumberland	44
Constitution	44	Sabine	44
Guerriere	44	Savannah	44
Java	44	Raritan	44
Potomac	44	Columbia	44
Brandywine	44	St. Lawrence	44
Hudson	44	Congress	44
Sumter	44	Total 15.	
	Frigates of the Second Class.		
Constellation	36	Total 2.	
Macedonian	36		
	Sloops of War of the First Class.		
John Adams	29	Fairfield	29
Boston	29	Vandalia	29
Lexington	29	St. Louis	29
Vincennes	29	Concord	29
Warren	29	Cyane	29
Natchez	29	Levant	29
Falmouth	29	Total 12.	
	Sloops of War of the Second Class.		
Erie	18	Peacock	18
Ontario	18	Total 2.	
	Sloops of War of the Third Class.		
Decatur	16	Marion	16
Preble	16	Dale	16
Yorktown	16	Total 5.	
	Brigs and Brigantines.		
Dolphin	10	Pioneer	
Porpoise	10	Consort	
Boxer	10	Total 5.	
	Schooners.		
Grampus	10	Wave	
Shark	10	Otsego	
Enterprise	10	Flying Fish	
Experiment		Total 8.	
Flirt			
	Steamers.		
Missouri	20	Pioneer	4
Mississippi	20	Total	4
Fulton	6		
	Store Ship.		
Relief		Total	1

Whole number of vessels, sixty-eight.

These vessels, with few exceptions, mount many more guns than they are rated. The ships of the line, rated 74 to 120, mount from 80 to 140 guns. The Independence razee, is rated from 54, and mounts 64 guns. Frigates of the first class, rated 44, mount 54 to 64 guns. The sloops of war of the first class, are rated 29, and mount (with the exception of two) 24 guns; the two exceptions are the Cyane and Levant; these vessels mount no more than the number of guns they are rated. The sloops of war of the second class rated 18, mount 22 guns. The sloops of the third class mount the number of guns they are rated. The brigs, brigantines, and schooners, rated 10, mount 12 or 14 guns, and those marked without any rate, mount, if any, one, two, three or four.

How would this force cope with that of England in case of a war! That energetic nation would be enabled to blockade every port we possess, from Portsmouth to New Orleans, without the power on our part of breaking through the blockade. It did so in the last war. Gallant as our force was when once at sea, it is a lamentable fact that our ships-of-war, had, in more cases than one, to sneak out of the ports after a storm when the blockading force was blown off the coast; and, if we mistake not, it was in some such attempt that Com. Decatur was captured. Shall this be so again! Ought not the second, if not the first, commercial power in the world, to have a navy worthy of her dignity! Let us be sagacious no longer. Let us like wise men, and in obedience to Washington's advice, prepare for war in time of peace.

American Consul Imprisoned.

Captain Merriman, of the brig Iris, arrived at the port from Matanzas, states that Nathaniel Crane, Esq. American Consul at that place, was imprisoned by order of the Governor General of Cuba, the day he sailed. Captain M. did not learn the cause of this extraordinary proceeding.

Sub-Treasury.

The Globe of Saturday evening says:—A message was received from the President of the United States, announcing that on the 13th inst. he had signed the bill for the repeal of the Independent Treasury.

Case of Miss Rogers.

More our article on this subject last week, the police of New York has entered into the investigation of this fearful tragedy with something more of the proper spirit; and is now pursuing its inquiries in the manner we pointed out, thoroughly and unstintedly, and with a fair prospect of success. During the week the Mayor has been engaged in taking depositions of every character relating to this subject, but the testimony is to be suppressed for the present in order to make current more probable. This is as it should be. In the earlier stages of a criminal investigation, when the object is to detect the offender, nothing is more calculated to frustrate that purpose than giving publicity to the evidence on hand. The guilty party at once takes the alarm.

The testimony of Dr. Clark, who examined the body when first discovered, is not, however, of this nature, and a portion of it has, therefore, been suffered to be published. It is unavoidably indelicate; too much so at least for our columns. The substance of it is, that Mary Rogers was brutally outraged, by *two or more persons*, and then murdered. Of this fact there can be no doubt. It increases accordingly the chances of discovery, for, sooner or later, one of the confederates will betray his accomplices.

A man was seen in Hoboken on the day of the murder, in company with a female answering the descriptions of the victim. They appeared to be quarrelling. The man left New York the next day, but on information of these facts, a police officer was sent in pursuit of him. On Tuesday the officer returned to New York, having arrested the suspected person Morse, at West Boylston, about seven miles north of Worcester, on Sunday. He had been hovering about Worcester ever since he left the city, and was watched pretty closely by the authorities of that place. He was taken into custody as he was in the act of receiving a letter, which was immediately opened, and found to have been written in New York, advising him to shave off his whiskers, and disguise himself as much as possible, as the police were on the look out for him.

We understand that he is the person seen in conversation with Miss Rogers, at Hoboken, toward evening of Sunday, the 25th ultimo. He was then seen and recognized by a gentleman of that city, whose name we have, but do not think it requisite to mention. Immediately after the discovery of the body, this gentleman made inquiry, and ascertained that the prisoner had hastily left the city.

He thereupon communicated all he knew of the affair. The apprentices of the prisoner were taken before the magistrate, and from one of them it was ascertained that he expected a letter. The letter was watched for and obtained, and although it bore no date or place of writing, inferences were drawn from it that the prisoner might be found at Worcester, to which place an officer was despatched, accompanied by the gentleman above referred to.

Since his arrival in New York, Morse has been fully identified by the gentleman who saw him at Hoboken on Sunday the 25th ult. Morse has been long known as a very licentious man and the companion of gamblers, having frequently gambled himself. He has an interesting wife and one or two children in the 8th Ward of the city.

It is obvious that if Morse is guilty, he was not the early actor in the bloody tragedy, as the examination before the Coroner's jury and Dr. Cook before the Mayor clearly proves. Having him then in custody, it becomes the duty of the Police to ferret out his confederates in guilt, one of whom evidently is the writer of the letter to Morse at Worcester, and who it is not improbable may be found. It is not to be expected, however, that Morse will make disclosures if he be guilty, but will meet his accusers with a firm denial, and compel them to collect their proof as they can, which the Mayor and Police magistrate Taylor are actively engaged in doing.

Life Boat.

The catastrophe on Lake Erie has again called attention to the subject of life-preservers and life-boats. There seems to have been a criminal indifference to the latter hitherto. In every instance where life has been sacrificed by the wholesale, there has subsequently been found an utter deficiency of boats. The justice of the demand is conceded, but the requisition is never met. Cupidity gets the better of a desire to mitigate suffering, and the cry of the drowning fellow-creature is silenced by the cravings of heartlessness and avarice. We are tired with urging an increase of precaution on ship-board for saving human life. The arguments become stale by repetition, but yet their force is felt every time a cruel disaster occurs upon the lakes or the ocean.

The Buffalo papers speak of this reprehensible want of care and the insecurity which attends navigation. But will these repeated admonitions be regarded? Probably not, until the public mind is goaded by neglect to exasperation. The Buffalo Journal says that there is one thing which deserves the sharpest censure. Past events—and in this case most lamentably—have abundantly proved that the boats are not to be relied in any emergency, upon the ordinary small boats carried by our steam vessels. They cannot live in a rough sea. In the hasty of lowering they get swamped, and they have not capacity sufficient to take half the passengers that not unfrequently crowd the steamboats. Francis's Life-boats should be promptly substituted. It would entail some additional expense, but if instead of laying out so many thousands upon mere gew-gaws, or splendid drapery or furniture, the money was expended in obtaining a supply of Life-boats adequate to any exigency, the public interests would be better promoted.

Life-preservers should also be provided, though these, from the difficulty of inflating them, are less effective than is generally supposed. Sometimes they wholly fail of their purpose on this account. Ludicrous scenes, now and then, occur in case of false-alarm, from the attempt to use the life-preservers. We think it is Col. Crockett who tells a story of a fat, talkative Dutch man, who, on the western waters, provided herself with a life-preserver, in case of emergency. The good woman was easily frightened, and, one night, when something occurring to the machinery, and half of the passengers, thinking the boiler about to explode, rushed on deck, she was seen, clothed in her night-dress, her hair dishevelled, and her life-preserver fastened around her, running shrieking into the midst of the crowd, and as she held up the mouth of the bag, through which the life-preserver was inflated, she screamed, "Blow me up—will nobody blow me up! for God's sake blow me up."

The Elections.

The Election returns of the month come in slowly. We have, however, partial returns from several of the States, and more complete returns from others.

Tennessee.—Fifteen counties give Jones (Whig candidate for Governor) 16,837; Polk, (Opp.) 15,956. Harrison in the same counties received 19,827; Van Buren, 14,215. Of the Legislature, which is considered the most important, as two U. S. Senators are to be elected, the following is given by the Knoxville Register: 4 Whig Senators elected, a gain of one; two Opposition elected. To the House, 16 Whigs, a gain of one; and 11 Opposition. The result is so far extremely doubtful.

Indiana.—Thus far, the following is the result.

	Whig.	Dem.
Senate.	8	10
House.	40	50

Kentucky.—The Whigs have carried the State. Result so far:

	Whig.	Dem.
Senate.	7	7
House.	45	10

Illinois.—There is no doubt of the re-election of Gov. Reynolds (Dem.) from the first district by a large majority—the election was only for members of Congress. In the second district the chances are in favor of the election of Anderson (Opp.). In the third district, Stewart (Whig.) is probably elected. The whole vote is small.

Alabama.—The Democrats have increased their majorities in both branches of the Legislature, and the Democratic candidate for Governor is elected by a larger majority than any Democrat has received there for many years past.

Missouri.—In St. Louis county there was an election held on the 3d and 3d inst. for Clerks of the several Courts and Marshal only. The canvass was not conducted on party grounds, and there are several candidates in the field for each office. The first day's voting gives an aggregate of about 2500 votes. An attempt was being made by one or two Whig papers to give the contest a party cast on the second day.

Rev. John Breckenridge.

The many friends of this distinguished divine will learn with deep regret that he died at the residence of his mother, near Lexington, Ky. on the 4th inst. We find the following announcement of the melancholy event in the Presbyterian:—

"It becomes our painful duty to announce that the Rev. Dr. John Breckenridge departed this life on the 4th instant, at the residence of his mother in Kentucky. Notwithstanding the many unfavorable reports we have recently received of the state of his health, we had still cherished the hope of his prolonged life. But it was otherwise determined in the wise counsels of God, and we submissively bow to the dispensation. It was our privilege to enjoy much of the society of the deceased, and we greatly esteemed and loved him. A more devoted servant of Jesus Christ we have never known, and of him it is literally true, that he wore himself out by his abundant and unceasing labors. His talent is on high. We shall doubtless have an extended notice of the life and death of this eminently good man; to whose death we three hearty shouts as our paper is going to press."

Another Outrage in New York.

New York appears to be infested with a band of as vile and heartless ruffians as ever disgraced a civilized community. The N. York American says, on Sunday afternoon, as a young gentleman and lady were returning from a walk in the upper part of the city, when in the 10th Avenue, above Jane street, they were set upon by a gang of rowdies, who hung around the Greenwich and Spring street markets, and the lady taken with violence from her companion, who was beaten in a most cowardly manner.

It seems almost incredible that these offences could be perpetrated in a city governed by laws, and possessing a Mayor and Police authorities. Our neighbors sometimes speak heavily of Philadelphia morals. Doubtless, we are liable to much censure—but it seems to us that our citizens would never permit repeated outrages within our limits, without some stronger and more efficient demonstrations that has yet taken place in our sister city. Rewards ought to be offered immediately for the arrest of the offenders, committees should be appointed by meetings held for the purpose, and the most active efforts should be made for the detection and punishment of these brutal and lawless offenders. Lynch law in the West, and street fights in the Southwest, are deplorable enough—but murders, and acts of outrage committed by bands of organized villains with impunity, within the limits or vicinity of the metropolis of the Empire State, should rouse a spirit of indignation, and elicit an expression of public sentiment, with corresponding efforts, calculated in some degree at least, to show that the Commercial Emporium is not abandoned to such miscreant deeds as we have referred to.

Convenience.

The Trenton Gazette, gives the following account of what appears to be an invention of much utility.

Bird & Weld have been constructing an improved *water ram* for raising water, which may now be seen in operation at Simmons's axe factory. An examination of it will gratify curiosity. It is simply a small cylinder and piston head. A swiftly running stream of water sent into the cylinder under the piston head and pins it up violently to the top of the cylinder. Being here suddenly stopped the water rebounds with some violence. Being prevented by a valve from going out at the place through which it entered, it rushes through another opening into an ascending pipe, and a valve closes behind it as soon as the rebounding force is expended. Then the water rushes in from the stream again, drives up the piston as before, and with another rebound a second quantity of water, is forced into the ascending pipe. The apparatus is simple, and costs, we were told, but about thirty dollars. It has raised two gallons a minute, to the height of thirty feet. It is intended, we believe, for the use of farmers who have a good stream in a low place, near their buildings. This cheap instrument will raise for them as much water as they may want. It is all iron, and so simple that it can scarcely cost any thing for repairs.

There are one or two other parts to this apparatus to facilitate its operations. We have avoided mentioning them, for the sake of perspicuity.

Remedy for Lightning.

An account is published in the New York Sun, in which two persons are said to have recovered from the effects of lightning by the use of cold water. In the latter case it is said that "Mrs. Van B., the wife of a highly respectable resident of Bergen, near the Corners, was struck down by a flash of lightning, apparently dead beyond hope of recovery. She was so considered by her family, and not one of them, nor of the neighbors who were called in, entertained the most distant idea but that she had passed forever to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Preparations were consequently made for laying her out, and preparing the last sad rites to her lifeless remains. At least ten minutes had elapsed after her receiving the shock, when her brother arrived at the scene of affliction and sorrow; and, fortunately, the paragraph in the Sun recommending the application of water recurred to his mind, and though without hope, he proceeded to make the application as directed in the paragraph. The unfortunate lady was placed upon the ground, and water poured upon her person, pailful after pailful, from head to foot, and to the astonishment and joy of all, she soon began to exhibit signs of returning animation. The process was continued, and the restoration soon became perfect; and in an incredibly short space of time she had to all appearance fully and perfectly recovered from the effects of the shock which all had supposed had been irretrievably fatal."

Hackman's Roguery.

Our neighbor of the U. S. Gazette, has the following respecting this subject.—"The Hackmen of New York are, it seems, better versed in the art and mystery of roguery, than those which abound in this city, and contrive to drive pretty hard bargains sometimes. For a short time back, they have been acting upon the following plan to obtain high fares. The driver taken with him some old dilapidated coach, and set out from place to place, and contracts at any price to do the job. He then conducts the travellers to his carriage and the driver goes off as ordered. When the job is done, the driver demands two or three times as much as the price agreed on, and most villainously disclaims all knowledge of the contractor. The contractor is of course not at hand. To guard against this, it is necessary to repeat the contract with the driver."

Every word of this is true, as we had ourselves to experience, on a late visit to Gotham. The same trick was attempted to be played on us, but we refused to be imposed upon, and gained our point. The way in which we managed it, was to learn the number of the first contractor, and thus, in case of difficulty, we had the rogue in our power. Unquestionably the hackmen of New York are the most rascally ones in the country.

Piracy.

The Sag Harbor Corrector of Wednesday week has a long account of the seizure of the whaling barque Pilot, of London, in December last, at the Chowry Islands, by the Malays. While the second mate and captain were on shore in two of the boats, the vessel was boarded and taken possession of by the natives. The boat in which the second mate went on shore was attacked at the same time; he was killed, and his boat-steerer, and two others were wounded. The others in the boat succeeded in making off, and after some days fell in with a British man-of-war, bound to China, which, however, went out of her way to the Chowry Islands, and recovered the barque, which the natives had plundered and destroyed on the most extensive scale. Two persons were saved, as above; two were killed; what became of the other twenty-one, including the captain and mate, was not known. The account was written by the surgeon, and is communicated by the United States Consul at St. Helena.

U. S. Ship Delaware.

According to previous arrangement, the Heads of Departments of Washington, and a large number of the members of Congress, and invited guests, visited the ship Delaware, lying off Annapolis, on Saturday. We learn that after inspecting every part of the noble vessel they were gratified with the novel sight of the exercise of the men in the various evolutions of a Naval engagement. The drums beat to quarters, the yards were manned, the cannon thundered from the several decks, the muskets rattled from the round tops and quarter decks, and was made and taken in with surprising alacrity—every act showing the superior excellence of the ship and the great discipline of the crew. The company, we understand, were highly pleased with their visit, to almost all of whom the sight was entirely new. The President of the United States remained at Washington.

Affray.

An affray, in the shape of a duel, took place a few days since at Indian Bend, on the State of Louisiana, between G. L. Fusselier and Alcide Perot. The French Republican states that in the engagement Mr. Fusselier received the ball of Mr. A. Perot on the brutch of a pistol on his person, which destroyed its effect. Mr. Perot received a cut on the head, and a slight one on the leg by a broad sword from Mr. F. and Mr. Alfred Perot was cut on the hand, in attempting to fend off a third blow aimed at his brother, who accidentally fell after firing his pistol. About this time Mr. Cherie Perot, a cousin of the two former, received a ball in his right shoulder, which passed through the shoulder blade and came out in front—the pistol was fired by Dr. Nabonne one of Mr. F.'s friends. The wounded are not considered dangerous, and are getting well.

The Chinese Collection.

A few days longer, and this extensive and various collection will close. We are gratified to perceive, however, that large numbers of citizens, strangers and children, may now be found in the rooms daily and nightly. The disposition is to embrace the fleeting opportunity. It is to be hoped that every Philadelphian will at least visit this Collection once before its departure from this country. It has long been an ornament to our city, and it may be that its enterprising proprietor will be tempted to some magnificent effort to persuade it to remain on Europe. This last chance, therefore, should not be neglected. Several Sunday Schools have visited the Collection within the last few days. The price of admission in such cases, is made very moderate.

Lyell, the Geologist.

This distinguished gentleman arrived at Boston a few days ago from England. The Boston Times says that he has accepted an invitation to deliver a course of lectures on Geology before the Lowell Institute, in the ensuing autumn. From this time until October Professor Lyell will be engaged in geological explorations of the country.

The Veto Message.

As we inclined to think last week, the President has vetoed the Fiscal Bank Bill. It was returned to the Senate, at 12 o'clock on Monday, with his objections, in shape of a Message. After the reading of the veto, slight hisses and applause were heard in the gallery, but they were soon quieted. Mr. Clay then moved that the subject be laid over until the following day. A full account of all this, however, will be found among our Congressional News.

The Intelligencer has a column of remarks upon the Veto, expressing disappointment at the result, but urging upon the majority in Congress to act with calmness, considerateness and patriotism, and to carry out the other measures which they have before them. It also trusts that another attempt to get a Bank Bill passed will be made this session, though it expresses a possibility that the object will not be accomplished until the next. The Madisonian also has an article upon the Veto, and after stating the President's objections, viz: The unconstitutionality of the Bill; 2. The impracticability of the 10th fundamental article of the 11th section; 3. The absence of all necessity to make local loans, as a means of transacting the Fiscal business of the Government, proceeds to condemn the discounting power as not necessary for the regulation of commerce or the country.

A correspondent at Washington mentions, in his letter of Monday night, to the U. S. Gazette, that after a private meeting of Whigs, it was understood that the Cabinet would hold their places and await the result of another attempt to create a Fiscal Agent. If that should fail, they must go out. The same paper, however, says: A friend, who is intimate with the most distinguished members of Congress of both parties, writes to us as follows:—"I am perfectly satisfied that Congress will not rise without passing a law creating an Exchange Bank, and that the President will sign it. I would advise you, as a friend and a Whig editor to treat the Veto leniently, it being merely a difference of opinion among brethern of the same principles."

As the Whigs have a clear majority in Congress, much anxiety is felt as to the course they may adopt, on this subject; the Baltimore Patriot of Wednesday says:—"The news from Washington this morning is more favourable than that which appears from the face of the proceedings of Congress.

The Whigs of the House were in session after the adjournment. A good feeling prevailed; the measures of Congress were discussed, and every member present felt more than ever the importance of union, harmony, concession and compromise.

The Whig Senators and Representatives were in session also. The result of their deliberations was to report a bill, either embodying Mr. Ewing's *proffet*, or one more favorable to the country—that is, uniting upon the best measure which would receive the favorable consideration of the country and President. Mr. Ewing's bill will be passed, we are assured, if nothing better can be adopted. Congress, at any rate, will do its duty, and once more leave the responsibility with the Executive, to do his.

The indications from the evening's deliberations are considered as favorable to the passage of the Land Bill, the Bankrupt Bill, and a Bank Bill with agencies in the States and the power of exchange and not of discount.—To-day, however, was to decide all, and we look with eagerness for the news by the next mail."

The veto, it will be seen, is unconditional and absolute. The objections of the President may be divided into two classes—*first*, he objects to the right of Congress to charter a U. S. Bank which shall be an office of discount, and—*second*, he denies the right of Congress to establish branches of such a bank in the several states with or without their assent.

Under the first head the President remarks that he has always denied the constitutionality of a U. S. Bank *with the power of discount*, that this, his opinion, was well known to the public, and that he was elected Vice-President within a few months after he had made a public declaration, about these times here. He then defends his opinion; that the power of local discount is not necessary for the collection and disbursement of the revenue, or the regulation of exchanges, by saying that so long as the old Bank dealt in discounts in preference to exchanges, she failed to introduce a good currency; but that the moment she altered her policy, and began trading in foreign and domestic bills, her paper at once rose, throughout the county to the value of specie. Thus, he argues, Congress has no power to pass a bill like the present.

Under the second head, the President objects to that provision in the bill which declares, that, unless the Legislature of any State, shall at its first session after the creation of the Bank, assent or dissent unconditionally to the establishment of a branch in the State, that branch, in case assented, He thinks it would be forcing branches on the States, without consulting them, in perhaps, in some cases, against their will. He says, the provision does not allow the people of the States to express *their opinion*, as in many instances, the Legislatures are already elected, and that without any reference to this question. He further remarks that in some States a portion of the Legislature may be in favor of, and another portion of the same Legislature may be opposed to, a branch, and that, as an assent or dissent would then be impossible, this provision would seem to take an unfair advantage of such a circumstance.

The President closes, by saying, that these objections are sufficient in themselves without any others he may have to the remaining sections of the bill. He therefore returns it to the Senate.

The message itself, however, which we subjoin, is not a lengthy document, and we trust every one will peruse it for himself. It is a state paper of much importance, and will, no doubt, exercise considerable influence on the future completion of parties.

MESSAGE

OF THE

President of the United States.

Returning, with his objections, the Bill to incorporate the Fiscal Bank of the United States, August, 9, 1841.

To the Senate of the United States:

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the United States," which originated in the Senate, has been considered by me, with a sincere desire to conform my action in regard to it, to that of the two Houses of Congress. By the Constitution, it is made my duty, either to approve the bill by signing it, or to return it with my objections to the House in which it originated. I cannot conscientiously give it my approval. I proceed to discharge the duty required of me by the Constitution—to give my reasons for disapproving.

The power of Congress to create a National Bank to operate *per se* over the Union, has been a question of dispute from the origin of our Government. Men most justly and deservedly esteemed for their high intellectual endowments, their virtues, and their patriotism, have, in regard to it, entertained different and conflicting opinions. Congress have differed. The approval of one President has been followed by the disapproval of another. The people at different times have acquiesced in decisions both for and against. The country has been and still is deeply agitated by this unsettled question. It will suffice for me to say, that my own opinion has been uniformly proclaimed to be against the exercise of any such power by this government. On all suitable occasions, during a period of twenty-five years, the opinions thus entertained have been unreservedly expressed. I declared it to the Legislature of my own native State. In the House of Representatives of the United States it has been openly vindicated by me. In the Senate Chamber, in the presence and hearing of many who are this time assembled in this hall, it has been avowed and reaffirmed, in speeches and reports there made, and by votes there recorded. In popular assemblies I have authoritatively announced it; and the last public declaration which I made, and that but a short time before the last Presidential election, I referred to my previously expressed opinions as being those then entertained by me, with a full knowledge of the opinions then entertained, and never concealed, I was elected by the people Vice-President of the United States. By the occurrence of a contingency provided for by the Constitution, and acting under an unexpected dispensation of Providence, I succeeded to the Presidential office.

Before entering upon the duties of that office, I took an oath that I would "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Entertaining the opinions alluded to, and having taken this oath, the Senate and the country will see that I could not give my sanction to a measure of the character described, without surrendering all claim to the respect of honorable men—all confidence on the part of the people—all self-respect—all regard for moral and religious obligations—without an open avert of which, no Government can be prosperous, and no People can be happy. It would be to commit a crime which I would not willfully commit to gain any earthly reward, and which would justly subject me to the radicule and scorn of all virtuous men.

I deem it entirely unnecessary at this time to enter upon the reasons which have brought me round to the convictions I feel and entertain on this subject. They have been over and over again repeated. It some of those who have preceded me in this high office have entertained and avowed different opinions, I yield with confidence that these convictions were sincere. I claim only to have the same measure meted out to myself. Without going further into the argument, I will say that, in looking to the powers of this Government to collect, safely keep, and disburse the public revenue, and incidentally to regulate the commerce and exchanges, I have not been able to satisfy myself that the establishment, by this Government, of a bank of discount, in the ordinary acceptation of that term, was a necessary means, or one demanded by propriety, to execute those powers.

What can the local discounts of the bank have to do with the collecting, safe-keeping, and disbursing of the revenue? So far as the mere discounting of paper is concerned, it is quite immaterial to this question whether the discount is obtained at a State Bank or a United States Bank. They are both equally local—both beginning and both ending in a local accommodation. What influence have local discounts, granted by any form of bank, in the regulating of the currency and the exchanges? Let the history of the United States Bank and us its answering this inquiry.

For several years after the establishment of that institution it dealt almost exclusively in local discounts, and during that period, the country was, for the most part, disappointed in the consequences anticipated from its incorporation.

A uniform currency was not provided, exchanges were not regulated, and little or nothing was added to the general circulation; and in 1820, its embarrassments had become so great that the directors postponed Congress to repeal that article of the charter, which made its notes receivable every where in payment of public dues. It had, up to that period, dealt to but a very small extent in exchanges, either foreign or domestic; and as late as 1823, its operations in that line amounted to a little more than $7,000,000 per annum; a very rapid augmentation soon after occurred, and in 1833 its dealing in exchanges amounted to upward of $100,000,000, including the sales of its own drafts; and all these immense transactions were effected without the employment of extraordinary means.

The currency of the country became sound, and the negotiations in the exchanges were carried on at the lowest possible rates. The circulation was increased to more than $22,000,000, and the notes of the Bank were regarded as equal to specie all over the country, thus showing, almost conclusively, that it was the capacity to deal in exchanges, and not in local discounts, which furnished these facilities and advantages. It may be remarked, too, that notwithstanding the immense transactions of the Bank in the purchase of exchange, the losses sustained by it were inconsiderable; that the line of discounts, the suspended debt was enormous, and proved most disastrous to the Bank and the country. Its power of local discount has, in fact, proved to be a fruitful source of favoritism and corruption, alike destructive to the public morals and to the general weal.

The capital invested in banks of discount in the United States, created by the States, at this time exceeds $350,000,000; and if the discounting of local paper could have produced any beneficial effects, the United States ought to possess the soundest currency in the world, but the reverse of this is notoriously true.

In the measure now under consideration, of the objectionable character to which I have alluded! It is clearly so, unless by that 10th fundamental article of the 11th section it is made otherwise. That article is in the following words:

"The directors of the said corporation shall establish one competent office of discount and deposit in any State in which two thousand shares shall have been subscribed, or may be held, whenever, upon application of the Legislature of such State, Congress may by law require the same. And the said directors may also establish one or more competent offices of discount and deposit in any Territory or District of the United States, and in any State with the assent of such State; and when established, the said office or offices shall be only withdrawn or removed by the said directors prior to the expiration of this charter, with the previous assent of Congress: *Provided*, in respect to any State which shall not at the first session of the Legislature thereof held after the passage of this act, by resolution or other usual legislative proceeding, unconditionally assent or dissent to the establishment of such office or offices within it, such assent or dissent is to be expressed *unconditionally at the first session of the Legislature by some formal legislative act*; and, if not so expressed, the assent is to be implied, and the directors are thereupon to possess the power, at such time thereafter as they may please, to establish branches, which cannot afterwards be withdrawn, except by resolve of Congress.

No matter what may be the cause which may operate with the Legislature, which either prevents it from speaking, or addresses itself to its wisdom, to induce delay, its assent is implied. This iron rule is to give way to no circumstances—it is unbending and inflexible. At the language of the master to the vassal—an unconditional answer is claimed forthwith; and delay, postponement, or incapacity to answer, produces an answer against which is ever afterwards irrevocable. Many of the State elections have already taken place, without any knowledge, on the part of the people, that such a question was to come up.

The Representatives may desire a submission of the question to their constituents preparatory to final action upon it, but this high privilege is denied; whatever may be the motives and views entertained by the Representatives of the People to induce delay, their assent is to be presumed, and is ever afterwards binding, unless their dissent shall be unconditionally expressed at their first session after the passage of this bill into a law. They may by formal resolution declare the question of assent or dissent to be undecided and postponed, and yet, in opposition to their express declaration to the contrary, their assent is to be implied. Cases innumerable might be cited to manifest the irrationality of such an inference.

Let one or two in addition, suffice. The popular branch of the Legislature may express its dissent by an unanimous vote, and its resolution may be defeated by a single vote in the Senate, or vice-versa. The assent is implied. Both branches of the Legislature may concur in a resolution of decided dissent, and yet the Governor may exert the veto power conferred on him by the State constitution, and their legislative action be defeated, and yet the assent of the legislative authority is implied, and the directors of this contemplated institution are authorized to establish a branch or branches in such State, whenever they may find it conducive to the interest of the stockholders to do so; and having once established it, they can, under no circumstances, withdraw it, except by act of Congress. The States are thus entirely protected against such unjust interference—but its authority is gone.

Its assent is implied by its failure or inability to act at its first session, and its voice can never thereafter be heard. To inferences so violent, and, as they seem to me, irrational, I cannot yield my consent. No court of justice would or could sanction them, without reversing all that is established in judicial proceeding, by forbidding presumptions at variance with fact, and inferences at the expense of reason. A State in a condition of mind to be governed by such an inference, would be manacled and in prison, might be presumed to be in the enjoyment of freedom. Far better to say to the States boldly and frankly, Congress wills, and submission is demanded.

It may be said that the directors may not establish branches under such circumstances; but this is a question of power, and this bill invested them with full power to do so. If the Legislature of New York, or Pennsylvania, or any other State, should be found to be in such a condition as I have supposed, could there be any security for the exercise of such a power on the part of the directors? Nay, is it not fairly to be presumed that this proviso was introduced for the sole purpose of meeting the contingency referred to? Why else should it have been introduced? And I submit to the Senate whether it can be believed that any State would be likely to sit quietly down under such a state of things?

In a great measure of public interest their patriotism may be successfully appealed to, but to infer their assent from circumstances at war with such inference, I cannot but regard as calculated to excite a feeling at total variance with the peace and harmony of this country. I must, therefore, regard this clause as asserting the power to be in Congress to establish offices of discount in a State, not only without its assent, but against its dissent; and so regarding it, I cannot but view it, in principles, the power and control, deprives the transactions of all pretence to compact between them, and terminates, as we have seen, in the total abrogation of freedom of action on the part of the States.

But further, the Bill says nothing more after the most solemn form of legislation, its dissent, which may from time to time thereafter be repeated, in full view of its own interest, which can never be separated from the wise and beneficent operation of this Government, and yet Congress may, by virtue of the last proviso, override its law, and upon grounds which, to such State, will appear to rest on a constructive necessity and propriety, and nothing more.

I regard the bill as asserting for Congress the right to incorporate a United States Bank, with power and right to establish offices of discount and deposit in the several States of the Union, with or without their consent, a principle to which I have always heretofore been opposed, and which can never obtain my sanction. And waiving all other considerations of objection to the provisions, I return it to the House in which it originated, with these my objections to its approval.

JOHN TYLER.

Washington, August 16, 1841.

Late from Liberia.

By the arrival of the brig Helen Maria from Western Africa, the New York Advertiser has received letters and papers from Monrovia to the 11th of June inclusive.

The brig Atlanta, Capt. Lawlin, arrived at Monrovia on the 9th of June. Capt. L. carried out the intelligence of the death of President Harrison.

On the 12th of May, the family of the Rev. J. W. Roberts, of Monrovia, had a very narrow escape of their lives, in consequence of the falling of a portion of a new house, recently built. This accident is attributed to the quantity of rain which had fallen for the last twenty-four hours—it was considered the commencement of the periodical rains.

Slave Trade.—The Luminary of the 21st of May states that a large cargo of slaves was recently sent off from the vicinity of Cape Mount in a vessel which eluded the vigilance of the men-of-war cruising off the coast.

Methodist Mission.—All the missionary operations were in an unusualpled state of prosperity. Papers contain a very interesting report from the superintendents of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia. It embraces a weekly statement of attendance. The last week in the report ends April 25th. Nine hundred and thirty people were then present.

H. B. M frigate Iris passed Monrovia on the 10th of May, on her way to the Island of Ascension. The Iris has done great service to the cause of humanity in an expedition up the Rio Pongas, in which she destroyed all the slave factories in that region.

The Herald gives an instance of fidelity with which the natives generally fulfil their agreements with the colony. By a recent purch

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Financial Record.

New Counterfeits.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Philadelphia.—5's altered from Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Wilcoxton, letter B, of different dates, and payable to different persons. Filling up in blue ink. W. Patton, Jr. Cashier, J. Tagert, President. Vignette, a female holding in right hand a cup, and left arm resting on an eagle. Engraved by Burton & Gurley, New York.

10's altered from Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Burlington, W. T., letter A, payable to different persons, and of various dates. Vignette, a female spinning—on left margin, a female holding a cup to an eagle, and on right end an Indian. Engraved by Burton & Gurley. Burton & Gurley never engraved plates for this Bank.

Bank of Central New York, Utica, N. Y.—5's, dated January 2, 1841, payable to C. Cushman, T. O. Graves, Cashier, A. Thomas, President. The general appearance of the note is bad, the lettering very irregular.

Commercial Bank, Rochester, New York—10's with red back—engraving coarse—the Roman letters probably done by H. Ely, President, and Thos. H. Rochester, Cashier. They are easily detected by the omission of the word No. in the counterfeit, which is at the right of the vignette in the genuine note. ☞ The bank is returning its old emission to the Comptroller, to be cancelled, and now issuing new notes without the red back.

The notes of the Towanda Bank are again received on deposit at the bank of Pennsylvania, and will continue to be received until the funds lodged with the latter institution are exhausted.—*Hackett's Reporter.*

SMALL NOTES.—Gov. Porter has instructed the Attorney General, Mr. Johnson, to commence prosecutions against all corporations not authorised to issue small notes, after the 10th of September. All persons or corporations known as engaged in the issue or introduction of the small notes of other States, will also receive special attention from the Attorney General or his Deputies.

THE BANKS OF NEW ORLEANS are talking of resumption in November next. There has been a controversy among them, which has tended to accelerate this object.

Sales of Stocks.

By the Philadelphia Board of Brokers, for the week ending Thursday.

		Price sold for
400	shares Vicksburg Bank	¼
165	do. United States Bank	15¼
100	do. Phil Wil & Balt R R	35
75	do. Exchange Bank, Pitts	40
63	do. North America Insurance Co	60
36	do. Germantown R R	26
50	do. Planters Bank, Miss	12
49	do. Far & Mechanics Bank	43
20	do. Philadelphia & Trenton R R	73
20	do. Schuylkill Navigation Co	30
10	do. Life & Annuity	10
10	do. Commercial Bank	44
5	do. Philadelphia Exchange	47
5	do. Bank of Penna	78
4	do. Girard Bank	37½
2	do. Pennsylvania Bank	100
2	do. Mechanics Bank	36½

Congressional News.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 1841.

In the House of Representatives, to-day, a communication was received from the Post Office Department, shewing the amount of appropriations made at different times for the new Post Office building. The following is the statement

In 1839 there was appropriated	$150,000 00
1840 "	125,000 00
1841 "	100,000 00
Total,	$375,000 00
Expended to this date,	322,563 56
Balance,	$52,436 44

Out of this balance there will be paid during the present week, amounts to the amount of about $10,000, for materials furnished.

The fortification bill, as amended by the Senate, was reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, with other amendments, which was referred to the committee of the whole.

After the disposal of several other matters of no general importance, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill from the Senate was resumed in committee of the whole. After some debate, at three o'clock, the committee rose without taking the question, and the House adjourned.

The Senate agreed to the amendments of the House, to the bill repealing the Sub-Treasury law, and it was this morning presented to the President for his signature.

The amendments repeal the deposit act except the 13th and 14th sections, so that should the bank bill be vetoed there will be no big depository for the public money, other than that of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Senate then resumed the debate on the Distribution bill.

WASHINGTON, August 12, 1841.

On Thursday the Senate expended the day in the consideration of the Distribution Bill from the House. Nothing but talking was done. In the House, an attempt was made to have the Bankrupt Bill taken out of committee yesterday, but it failed.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions, were taken up, and concurred in. So there is an end of that bill.

Mr. Underwood, on leave, presented a memorial asking Congress to provide means for the payment of the arrears due to the Commissioners appointed under the Convention between this country and Mexico.

Mr. Stanford presented the proceedings of a public meeting in Philadelphia, protesting against the measures of the present Congress.

After the disposal of several memorials, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill was again resumed in committee of the whole, the question pending being on the motion of Mr. Gordon to strike out the enacting clause. After four speeches of one hour each had been made, the committee rose without taking the question, and the House immediately adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, 1841.

HOUSE.—On Friday the House did nothing, almost. The Bankrupt Bill was talked over, but nothing decided upon. No time was fixed even for the debate to cease. The Senate bill amending the Census Act was taken up, but the members got tired and adjourned. The House does not meet again till Monday.

In the Senate, quite a little was done. The bill distributing the proceeds of the public lands was debated, and that is all. Its passage is doubtful. The Senate did not adjourn, like the House, till Monday.

On Saturday the House was not in session, and in the Senate no business of importance was transacted, the day being consumed in idle debates on unimportant subjects.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 1841.

SENATE.—The Senate Chamber was crowded this morning in the expectation of the Veto Message.

The Distribution and Pre-emption Bills came up as the regular order of the day.

An important amendment was proposed by Mr. Clay of Ala. upon which the yeas and nays were called. It provided, there should be and remain in the Treasury a neat surplus equal to the expenditures of the Government, supposing the revenue from Customs to be unequal to that purpose. The object of the amendment was to defeat the bill by keeping the land revenue in the Treasury, and tub millions besides.

Mr. Smith of Ind. exposed the object and the effects of carrying it through.

Mr. Benton and Mr. Clay of Ala. defended the bill and amendment.

Bank Bill Veto.—During the discussion of this, about o'clock) the Private Secretary of the President appeared at the Bar of the House with the Fiscal Bank Bill in one hand and the Message of the President in the other.

The appearance of the Secretary excited some interest, and a breathless silence followed.

The message was placed in the hands of the President of the Senate, and the land bill laid upon the table, when a new order of things unexpectedly succeeded.

There was a disposition on the part of some one or more of the audience to give demonstrations of approbation or disapprobation at the course of the President, when Mr. Benton rose with feelings of immense excitement, and cried aloud that he had come to the Senate this morning expecting that the President of the United States would be insulted by base ruffians. I knew he would, said Mr. Benton, "I felt it. I told my friends so. It has come just as I expected—just as I predicted. Mr. B. concluded with a motion to arrest the offender.

Mr. Preston joined with Mr. Benton in a call for a redress of the insult. He did not fear the hisses, but supposed they had been heard by others.

Mr. Rives asked the Senator from Mo. to withdraw his motion. He was sure that he had heard no hisses, and many Senators around him had not. He begged, therefore, that if they had been heard the Senate would be content with the expression of opinion on the part of the Senate which had been given. If there had been hisses there had been demonstrations of approval also.

Mr. Linn said he had heard both the applause and the tokens of disapprobation. He believed it would have been much more extensive if it had not been interrupted.

Other Senators said they did not hear the hisses. Mr. Benton said in reply, I heard it; I came here to-day expecting to see an American President insulted by the Bank ruffians in the gallery. These Bank ruffians had been sent here, Mr. B. said, for this purpose, and no bank question had been introduced here without some such insult, continued Mr. B. and here or elsewhere I will throttle the monster (great laughter,) until he is strangled.

Mr. Buchanan rose with great apparent solemnity—"This is a very solemn and momentous occasion," he said; "I did distinctly hear a hiss, but the same time I am bound to say it was neither long or loud. I hope the Senate will withdraw his motion, and that the Senate will proceed to the business of the day."

Mr. Benton—I never will, so held me God. (Immense laughter.)

Mr. Buchanan—I had rather the Senator would withdraw, and then the important business of the day could be considered.

Mr. Merrick said, it is true, as said by the Senator from Pennsylvania, that this is a solemn occasion—a very solemn occasion—and, therefore, it was that he was averse to spending the time of the Senate in a matter so trifling.

Mr. King hoped the Senator would withdraw his motion notwithstanding his pledge to the contrary.

Mr. Benton should his head.

Mr. King said he had seen the effect of bringing men to the bar of the Senate. It proved a very troublesome business.

Mr. Walker made an appeal to the Senator from Mo. to withdraw also. He had heard the hisses and seen the man making them. (A great mistake, as the man seen was a friend of the veto, being noisy and very drunk. He was finally arrested by the Sergeant-at-arms.)

My heart, said Mr. Walker, is too full of joy at the salvation of the country by an overruling Providence, to wish to be engaged in the punishment of a miserable maniac.

Mr. Benton withdrew his motion, and the drunken fellow in custody of the Sergeant-at-arms was discharged.

This subject having been disposed, Mr. Clay said, the Fiscal Bill before the Senate originated in this body, passed here, and was sent to the other body, concurred in there, and sent to the Executive for his signature. It is returned to us disapproved by the Executive. It is not my intention at this time to discuss the message. It would not comport with the dignity of the co-ordinate branch of the Government, nor the gravity of the subject. I rise for another purpose.

We are sufficiently familiar with the exercise of Executive power, even if we did have the Constitution to guide us as to the course to be pursued. The Constitution provides that not approving a Bill, the President shall return it with his objections to the House in which it originated, who shall enter the objections at large upon their journal and proceed to reconsider it. I have therefore risen at this time to move that the Senate will to-morrow at 12 o'clock, proceed to reconsider the Bill from the President. In the mean time I move that the Bill be laid upon the table, and that the Message accompanying it be printed.

Mr. King moved the printing of 6000 extra copies of the message, which was ordered.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. Rives, then went into executive session.

HOUSE.—Mr. Hopkins offered a resolution that the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill authorizing the Post Master General to establish express mails along the great lines of steamboat and railroad communications, in cases where he is not able to make contracts to have the mails transported on said routes by railroad or steamboat, for the rate of compensation provided by law.

The Census bill which was under consideration on Friday, was next considered. The bill finally passed and was sent to the Senate.

The discussion was then resumed upon the Bankrupt Bill, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and reported, but came to no conclusion.

The discussion in committee was conducted by four members only, all of whom spoke very briefly upon the Bill.

The discussion upon the Bill was closed in a speech of an hour by Mr. Howard, the new member from Michigan.

Mr. Barnard of N. Y. moved that the Committee rise. Carried 79 to 59.

Mr. Botts presented the accounts of the Marshal of the District of Columbia, who attended at the request of the Heads of Departments the funeral service of the late President, to the end that an appropriation might be made. The accounts were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Fillmore of N. Y. presented a paper from the Secretary of the Navy also, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, giving an account of the expense of bringing the statue of Washington to the Navy Yard for freight, and also of demurrage on account of the detention of the ship on which the said statue was freighted.

The Private Secretary of the President brought information to the House, that the President had signed the Naval Pension Bill.

The House adjourned soon after two o'clock—there being neither the disposition nor ability to do business after the reception of the President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17, 1841.

The mail contractors may now rest in peace, for a bill was reported this morning making appropriations for the Post Office Department to extricate it from existing difficulties. It was twice read and committed.

The Bankrupt Bill, on motion of Mr. Underwood, of Kentucky, was laid on the table by a vote of yeas 110—nays 97.

Nothing else was done by the House after this, and amidst a general buzz of surprise, an adjournment took place.

In the Senate the seats in both galleries were occupied by a dense mass of citizens to hear what was to be said about the Bank bill.

After some talk about the British movements in the Oregon Territory, and the necessity of moving them out, the hour of twelve arrived.

Here a general whisper was heard, of "I wonder who will speak first on the Bank bill"—Mr. Clay, I suppose."

But to the disappointment of all, its consideration was again postponed until to-morrow.

The bill providing for a distribution of the proceeds from the Public Lands, was next taken up as the order of the day.

General News.

THE CITY.—To convey an idea of the rapid growth of Cincinnati to a stranger is an impossibility. One must be upon the spot, and see with his own eyes, the buildings springing into shape—the piles of brick and lumber—and hear for himself the busy hammers and the click of trowels. The number of houses erected this year will range between twelve and fifteen hundred, and the style of architecture is decidedly improved. The exterior of buildings now going up is more elegant than formerly,—the interior every way more convenient. The mechanics are owners of the greater part, and they are practically conversant with the best method of combining elegance with utility.

BISHOP RENZI OF LIBERIA.—The following article is from the Catholic Herald of Thursday week. The information in regard to Bishop Renzi will allay any excitement raised on account of his reported imprisonment.

Two Italian missionaries, Rev. Mr. Tavelli, for the diocese of Nashville, and the Rev. Father Pozzo, of the order of preachers, for the diocese of Cincinnati, have just arrived from Leghorn in our port. Rev. Mr. Tavelli left Rome in the middle of May, and saw Bishop Reese in the street a few days before his departure. The Bishop had been all along in the enjoyment of perfect liberty.

ACCIDENT.—On Sunday evening, a young man very genteely dressed, and supposed to be one of the junior officers of the North Carolina, was drowned by falling from one of the Hoboken Ferry Boats. The deceased was sitting upon the bow of the boat, which was very much crowded, when owing to some cause not explained, he fell overboard and passed alongside of the boat, so that one of the wheels must have struck him and caused instant death, as he was not seen afterwards. The body has not been recovered.

THE ACADIA left Boston on Monday afternoon last—among her passengers is Donald McLeod, Esq., who goes out as the bearer of despatches to our Minister, at the Court of St. James. She also carries out 58 passengers, 20 of whom will stop at Halifax, and others will be taken on board at that port. Her mail bags contain 1000 letters and the usual quantity of newspapers. She takes upwards of $100,000 in specie.

MINERALIZED TIMBER.—A Committee of the House of Representatives have recommended that the timber to be used in the construction of a new bridge over the Potomac, between Georgetown and Washington, be subjected to the mineralizing process invented by Dr. Edward Earle, of this city.

MORMONS.—Large numbers of Mormons are now on their way to the settlement in Hancock county, Illinois. A large number from Europe recently arrived there, and more are expected. The settlement is said to contain between ten and fifteen thousand inhabitants.

WASHINGTON IRVING is said to be seriously ill, at his cottage, near Tarrytown. A consulting bilious fever, brought on by fatigue and exposure in a recent excursion to the coal region of Pennsylvania, is said to be the nature of his malady.

RUGGESTON.—Captain Hunter, who was dismissed from the Army for his disobedience of orders, has been re-instated by the President—a satisfactory explanation having been given by him.

NAVAL.—The "Congress" frigate, launched the other day at Portsmouth, N. H. is to carry forty-four guns, and is said to be a splendid model of naval architecture.

THE UNIVERSITIES OF RUSSIA.—At the close of the last year, the principal Universities of Russia contained 2300 students, and the libraries 382,230 volumes.

APPEAL AT HALIFAX.—A serious affray occurred at the Halifax Garrison Races on the 28th ult. between the military and the sailors of H. M. S. Winchester.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN TEXAS is now in hand. The candidates are Gen. Houston and Judge Burnett, and the contest is expected to be close.

CRIME IN NEW YORK.—The New York Courier says:—We may with truth say, that there is an increasing dissatisfaction in the public mind at the inefficiency of the means used in this city, to detect crime, as well as in the administration of the law that should punish it. But a twelvemonth since, a youth was murdered in mid-day, in a neighboring city, and the murderer is yet undiscovered. A few days ago a helpless female became the victim of some atrocious wretch; and little more of the horrid deed is known than that it was committed. Robberies of an enormous magnitude are planned here and budded up—the thieves first securing to themselves a part of the plunder. Criminals even when convicted, somehow or other too often escape the punishment the law awarded to their crime; and on the whole, the citizen no longer feels that security in his person or property, which it is the first duty of government to afford, and which is necessary to the well-being of society."

BURNING THE HATCHET.—The *Stars and Fokes* have been reconciled. The Burlington (W. T.) Hawk Eye and Patriot gives the following letter from the agent:—

SAC AND FOX AGENCY, July 24, 1841.

Dear Friend.—The Sacs and Foxes had a Council here yesterday, and finally made a friendly arrangement of their long standing difficulties, apparently satisfactory to all parties. There can now be no obstacle to their receiving their annuity, holding a treaty, &c. This reconciliation is very properly attributed to the impression made upon them by Governor Chambers, at the Council he held with them. In fact, the speakers, on each side, alluded to him, his disinterested, generous and friendly advice, as the great cause of their becoming again one people.

I am, with much esteem, Yours,

J. BEACH.

J. G. EDWARDS, Esq.

ATTEMPT TO POISON.—A man, named John Scott, sometimes called John Shirley, has been committed to prison, at Albany, for an attempt to murder, by poison, Alexander Stewart. Shirley had been employed by the Governor of Catamarca, on its way to join him.—*Packet June 26.*

A Montevideo privateer boat called the *Bernardino*, has delivered himself up to the government of Buenos Ayres, this port, on Thursday last, and came to the inner roads of Buenos Ayres on Wednesday. She is a fulucca boat, armed with a brass 4 pounder on a swivel, and had besides 16 muskets, 12 swords and some pistols. Her crew, we believe, were eight in number.

A Porcupine Youth.

The English papers give an account of a "Porcupine Youth." This curious production of nature, says the British Queen, is a healthy and interesting youth about ten years of age, and three feet three inches in height. With the exception of his face and the palms of his hands, his whole body is covered with dark horn thorns, resembling the coat of a hedge-hog or porcupine. They are thickly set, and at stated periods come off gradually without the least pain, indeed they may be cut or burnt off without injury. The roots remain in the flesh and grow out again by degrees, increasing to the length of half an inch, underneath which the skin is soft and healthy. The youth is of Welsh parents, and the youngest of ten children, all of whom except himself have a fair and clear skin.

Appointments by the President.

By and with the advice and consent of the Senate

Richard A. Call, Governor of the Territory of Florida.

William Prentiss, Marshal of the United States for the District of Illinois.

Zachariah Walker and Nicholas Gallan, Jr. Justices of the Peace for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

Retail Prices in Market.

Beef, best, per lb.	10c11	Pigs, whole,	$1 00
" middling,	5c 8	Pigs' Feet, set,	10c12
Veal,	6c 9	Sweet Pumpkins, doz	18c25
Mutton,	5c 7	Quick Vinegar, gal	4c 6
Pork, per qr.	62½	Maple Molasses,	62
Pork, fresh, per lb.	5c 7	Sassages, stuffed, lb	8c 9
" pickled,	6c 8	Blood Pudding,	7c 8
Hams, (smoked)	6½c7	Pig Jaws, sal. pack	8c10
Jowls,	4c 5	Do new, 4 pk	5c 6
Dried Beef	8c10	Apples, green, 1 pk	6c12½
Beef's Tongue,	50c62	Parsnips, qt. box	6c 8
Butter, lb	22c28	Pickles, per 100,	37c40
Lard, "	6c 7½	Onions, bunch,	3c 5
Cheese, "	6c12½	Carrots, bunch,	3c 3
Eggs, per doz.	11c12½	Turnips, new, peck,	15c20
Fowls, pair,	62c75	Cheese, prime, per	9c10
Chickens, pair,	37c50	Sweetcorn, qt.	5c 6
Live		Lima Beans,	11c12
Turkeys,	50c81	Dried Peaches, ½ pk	37c50
Pigeons, pair,	12c37½	Whortleberries,	5c 7
Salmon, pickled, lb	12½c15	Dried Apples, ½ pk	37c50
" fresh,	20c25	Indian Meal, ½ peck,	8c10
" dry, lb	25c25	Rye Flour, qr. cart	50c62½
Flounders, fresh, lb.	6c 7	Hominy, pk	25c31
Halibut, per lb	10c12½	Walnuts, peck,	25c30
Black Fish,	10c12½	Shellbarks, per qt.	4c 5
Porgies,	8c10	Chestnuts,	8c10
Perch, string,	18c25	Horseradish, root,	2c 3
Bass, lb	12c20	Honey, per lb	15c18
Pickled Cod,	4c 5	Grapes, per qt.	4c 5
Lobsters, live, lb	8c10	Plums,	10c12
Terrapin, each	87c50	Pears,	10c12
Ducks, pair	62c81	Strong Beans, 1 pk	8c10
Geese, fresh, pair,	37c50	Cabbage, head,	3c 5
Salted, qt. peck,	1c 2	Rhubarb, bunch,	4c 5
" head,	1c 2	Squashes, each,	4c 1
Blackberries, qt.	5c 6	Cucumbers, doz.	4c 5
Peaches, qt. peck,	12c37	Nutmegs, each,	2c 6
Pears, 1 peck,	6c 8	Egg Plants,	3c 6
Apples, sweet, doz.	6c 8	Watermelons,	3c50
Tomatoes, qt. peck	5c 6	Sweet Potatoes, lb	3c 4

The market all this week has been very much crowded with Fish, Game, and especially with Water melons. Nutmegs, &c. There has probably not been a season within the last ten years that Watermelons have been so abundant and so generally good as they are this. The selling price from the boats is from $2 to $6 per hundred. Sweet Potatoes are also very abundant and good, and they are now of very good size, and have come in such quantities as have considerably reduced the price. Fruits are of inferior quality, with the exception of Peaches, plenty, and at moderate prices. Fish and Poultry are about equal to the demand, without any material change in prices.—*Public Ledger.*

Philadelphia Market.

REMARKS.—Business revives slowly, and the uncertainty which is felt with regard to the passage of a new Tariff bill, is sufficient to keep the prices of articles likely to be affected by such a measure.

BARK.—Sales of 50 Quarter does.

COFFEE.—Prices are well supported, but the transactions have been limited.

COTTON.—There is no change in the market, either in price or demand.

FLAX.—Prices have advanced 50 cents per ton by retail for Schuylkill Coal. Sales of White ash broken, egg and egg at $6.50, and red ash at $7 per ton. Sales of White ash by the cargo at $5.25 cash, red ash $5.50 per ton for lump Coal.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A number of vessels from foreign ports have arrived since our last report, and there is a demand for Flour at steady prices. Sales of fair brands fresh ground at $5 per bbl. For city use sales at $5@5.12½ for Penna. and $5.37½ for Western. Rye Flour is worth $5.37½@5.44, and some at $5.50 per bbl. Corn Meal—Sales of Penna. Meal at $3.37½@3.50 in bbls. and $3.25 in hdsh. Brandywine in bbls is $3.50.

GRAIN.—Receipts of Wheat continuously small. A sale of fair Delaware Wheat at 120 cts. Rye is worth 70 cts. A lot of inferior old Penna. at 81 cts. We quote Penna. at 75@80 c. 1.33 Rye—No sales and but little inquired for. Corn—Sales of Penna. at 57 cts. Southern at 55@56 cts. Yellow at 72 cts. which is a further advance. Oats are in good request. Sales of Southern at 45c.

MOLASSES.—Demand improving. Sales of 300 hhds Trinidad at a price not made public.

PROVISIONS.—Sales of Beef and Bacon remain without variation in prices, but of the latter article considerable sales have been made for the supply of Southern markets, particularly of Sides at 5 cts. Hams at 7@8 cts per lb.

SUGAR.—Upwards of 300 hhds Porto Rico were sold at from 7¼ to 7½ cts. Sales of 100 hhds Cuba at 7½ cts.

TEA.—By public sale upwards of 1000 packages were offered on Monday, and part sold.

TOBACCO.—Sales moderate, and prices rather depressed.

WHISKEY.—Hhds are held at 23 and bbls at 24. But few sales making.—North American.

Health Office, Aug. 14, 1841.

INTERMENTS

In the City of Philadelphia, Southwark, Northern Liberties, Moyamensing, Penn Township, and Kensington.

From the 7th to the 14th August.

DISEASES.			DISEASES.		
Abscess,	1	3	Brought over,	35	49
Apoplexy,	1	1	Scarlet Fever and Sore Throat,	1	2
Children Mortus,	1	3	Scrofula,	1	2
Colic,	1	1	Stomach,	1	1
Consumption of the Lungs,	11	3	Heart,	1	1
Convulsions,	8	8	Petrification,	1	1
Diarrhea,	1	10	Inanition,	1	1
Dropsy,	1	1	Marasmus,	1	6
Dropsy, Head,	1	1	Measles,	1	2
Disease of Hip,	0	1	Mortification,	1	1
Drowned,	0	1	Neglect,	0	2
Dysentery,	2	5	Palsy,	1	1
Debility,	1	3	Pleurisy,	1	1
Erysipelas,	1	1	Pleurisy, Lungs,	1	1
Enlargement of Liver,	1	1	Scrofula,	0	2
Fever,	1	6	Small Pox,	2	1
" Bilious,	1	1	Small Pox,	2	1
" Typhus,	2	9	Summer Complaint,	0	1
" Typhoid,	1	1	Syphilis,	1	1
Inflammation of the Brain,	2	4	Teething,	3	7
" Breast,	0	1	Tabes Mesenterica,	0	1
" Lungs,	3	6	Unknown,	1	1
			Unknown,	1	1
			Vomiting of Blood,	0	1
Carried over,	35	49	Total,	156	51 105

Of the above there were 5 of Intemperance, 3 born out of the country, and 18 people of color, which are included in the total amount.

By order of the Board of Health.

SAMUEL P. MARKS, Clerk.

State of the Thermometer.

	7 o'clock	12 o'clock	7 o'clock
Aug. 8	74	76	76
9	74	78	78
10	75	79	79
11	76	79	79
12	76	79	79
13	73	74	75
14	73	74	75

TO TAILORS.

Hillsboro', Montgomery, Va. Jan 23th, 1841

Dear Sir—I have often heard of your system being the best in use, but never had the chance to see it. I take this opportunity of writing to you for a fit, if it is better than any I have yet seen. I have a customer of Wm. Ward's, and I think if you use proper to do it, that you would send me a number of your fashions, and I am pleased with your system, and I will be a subscriber. I will give it a fair trial, and if I do not like it I will send it back and pay the expense of sending it.

Yours, GEO. W. BALTIMR

P. S. I have other board of Ward's cut from patterns before the public for cutting on his system (cutting I used never heard but one side of the question, and that was his.) G. W. B.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28th, 1841.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 23th instant is received, and we have this day deposited in the post office, to your address, copy of the Protractor and Fossil System of Garment Cutting agreeable to your request. We hope that you will find it fair and impartial trial.

Mr. Geo. W. Baltimr. PEARCE & MARSH

313 Chestnut street.

Strasburg, Shenandoah county, May 26th, 1841.

Dear Sir—I wrote to you last winter for you to send me your system of cutting, and you sent it according to request. I have given it a fair trial, and I must acknowledge that it is the best system of cutting I ever saw. I have tried several, and am better pleased with yours than any. I am much pleased with your proof system, and have shown it to several tailors, and they are much pleased with it. It affords me much pleasure to recommend it to others as I am confident it is the best rule for cutting now in use.

Yours &c. GEO. W. BALTIMR

Mr. P. Mosher.

Our Mail Receipts.

We are daily in the receipt of letters enclosing money with the request to return a receipt by mail. We do not send receipts in that way. Every dollar received by mail, for the Post, is acknowledged as below. Subscribers will please notice this.

Subscribers living in the vicinity of a Post Master can call upon him and have their letters containing money *franked*, if the letter contains nothing but what relates to the business of the office. Many hundred dollars might be saved us, if attention was generally paid to this matter.

Receipts for the N. E. Post from the 23d July to the 4th August.

August 5, received from

C. Parks,	$8 00	W. G. Mitchell,	1 00
J. Crozier,	1 75	J. C. Moffit,	2 00
V. M. Long,	2 00	M. Wilson,	2 00
W. S. Vail,	2 00	P. W. Shaw,	2 00
A. Graham,	2 00	H. Hann,	2 00
T. Shore,	5 00	R. H. Thayer,	2 00
G. W. Rogers,	5 00	J. S. Wilson, Esq	15 00
J. S. Barry,	2 00	J. McLoury,	2 00
M. Johnson,	6 00	J. S. Hunt, Esq.	15 00
H. Sergeant,	1 00	M. B. Halsey,	1 00
H. Bartlett,	2 00		

August 6.

J. M. Wood, Esq	10 00	J. P. Stewart, Esq	9 00
C. King,	3 00	C. Nuckolls,	2 00
R. H. Whitson,	2 00	N. N. Rose,	5 00
D. Hughes,	3 00	J. H. Everly,	2 00
J. Beaver,	4 00	A. Barker,	2 00
N. O. Fay,	5 00	L. Finch,	2 00
D. S. Watts,	3 00	G. C. Clinton,	5 00
G. W. Head,	2 00	M. Wolf,	2 00
W. Freeman,	1 00	J. Barling,	2 00
J. Bohl,	2 00	C. Baker,	2 00
J. Brown,	2 00		

August 7.

M. De Barre,	1 25	J. R. Morton,	1 00
Wm. Homan,	2 00	R. S. Silver,	2 00
Day & Sterrett,	4 00	W. McDaniel,	1 00
R. G. Berry,	7 50	R. C. Stockney,	1 00
Wm. Hofstetter,	2 00	T. M. Hogan,	2 00
J. Brown,	2 00	F. Stewart,	6 00
J. Lewis,	2 00	J. Pickens,	2 00
G. Moore,	1 00	Jane Poor,	2 00
Joshua Hobbs,	2 00	D. F. Engles, Esq	25 00
S. Floyd,	2 00	J. M. Lane,	6 00
W. Marrer,	2 00	R. M. Barber,	2 00
J. Herbert,	2 00	J. J. Boynton, Esq	15 00
A. Elder,	6 00	W. Dickson,	5 00
J. L. Spangler,	5 00	King & Bartle,	5 00
J. Luff,	2 00	Wm. Cox,	2 00
J. Kaffar,	2 00	H. W. Paull,	2 00
King & Cary,	10 00	R. Steen,	2 00
S. Spiker, agt	30 00	G. B. Perry, Esq	31 00

August 9.

J. Conger,	8 00	J. Gulborne,	5 00
A. Hill,	2 00	R. R. Shoemaker,	2 00
R. H. Woodston,	1 00	T. S. Watson,	6 00
M. Slagle,	2 00	J. R. Sessaman,	3 00
J. Lathrop,	2 00	J. Montgomery,	1 00
F. Webster,	5 00	W. G. Hewson,	2 00
S. N. Jackson,	3 00	J. Linton,	2 00
J. J. Marvin,	3 00	T. W. Gibson,	2 00
A. J. Wilton,	2 00	R. T. King,	2 00
J. Carter,	2 75	J. Tyrel,	2 00
J. Bassett,	2 00	M. Rosenzvile,	2 00
J. C. McAllister,	2 00	Cadet Degerele,	2 00
O. Beach,	2 00	J. King, Esq.	10 00
W. Miller,	2 00		

August 10.

G. R. Crosley,	2 00	J. Barnett,	2 00
J. Farro,	2 00	C. Winslow,	2 00
R. Pontke,	2 00	R. S. Ford,	2 00
S. Hess,	2 00	W. True,	5 00
J. G. Thomas,	2 00	L. A. Thomas,	2 00
J. Neff,	2 00	J. Stephenson,	2 00
J. Ambler,	2 00	S. Graham,	2 00
T. Fenner,	2 00	W. H. Wolfe,	1 00
Wm. Taylor,	2 00	G. Kraft,	2 00
Wm. Hollingsworth,	2 00	M. J. Haas,	2 00
E. Safford,	6 00	C. P. Avery, Esq	10 00
B. Wright,	4 00	S. L. Hough,	5 00
D. Olney, Esq.	20 00	B. J. Penney, Esq	10 00

August 11.

H. M. Lewis,	2 00	M. Leary, Esq.	13 00
per I. E. James,	95 25	B. Hand,	2 00
J. Bringhurst,	2 00	Jas. H. Alter, Esq.	20 00
Wm. Miller,	5 00	M. T. Wright, Esq	15 00
M. M. Wood,	2 00	J. H. Steel,	2 00
M. A. K. Wilkins,	2 00	J. L. Reynolds,	2 00
S. Knight,	2 00	W. Frazier,	2 00
J. Walton, jr	2 00	S. Edmiston,	2 00
Thos. Williams,	2 00	J. C. Bullock,	2 00
Jas. Hoy, jr.	1 00	H. F. Cunningham,	2 00
I. Darnell,	2 00	F. B.

were gratifying. And on the part of the females you shall see a display of good-humored coquetry, and real modesty mixed so make you feel that sense, soul, and true sympathies, are of no particular grade, of particular style of life.

But these rules be a dance for the young, and there are cards for the more mature; and then again, to a supper or produce, with its hot game, and fowls, and fresh pastry; as if it had been the sole meal cooked in the house that day. The music and his company depart; the wine and spirits circulate; all begin to talk of parting, and are loth to part, till it grows late; and they have some of them, you or seven miles to go, perhaps, on a pitch-dark night, through by-ways, and with roads not to be boasted of. All at once, however, up rise the sons to go, for their wives who asked and hooked with imploring eyes in vain, now show themselves cloaked and bonneted, and the carriages are heard with grinning wheels at the door. There is a boisterous shaking of hands, a score of invitations to come and do likewise, given to their entertainers, and they mount and away! When you see the blackness of the night, and consider that they have not eschewed good liquor, and perceive at what a rate they drive away, you expect nothing else than to hear the next day, that they have dashed their vehicles to atoms against some post, or precipitated themselves into some quarry; but all is right. They best know their own capabilities, and are at home, safe and sound.

Such is a specimen of the festivities of what may be called the middle and substantial class of farmers; and the same thing holds, in degree, to the very lowest grade of them. The smallest farmer will bring you out the the very best he has; he will spare nothing, on a holiday occasion, and his wife will present you with her couple slice of current or cowslip wine, with an emphasement, and a welcome that you feel to the heart is real, and a bestowal of a real pleasure to the officer.

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Acknowledgment.

We give our thanks to a large number of the subscribers of the Post, for the very handsome manner in which remittances have been made to us, for some time past, and for the quality of the funds, in which they have been made. We shall endeavor on our part to do justice to them in turn.

A word to those still in arrears. We shall be much obliged for a speedy settlement, as the volume is now opened, and we wish to start, unencumbered by back balances. Let the accounts all be settled up, and we will take a *fair* start together and see who shall first tire in the race. *We shall endeavor to issue a splendid paper.*

To Correspondents.

"R." will see his lines in next week's Post. We have amended them in one or two particulars. If he sees one, he will yet do something. Let him be of good heart.

"Cuba Back," shall appear at an early date.

"Mary Morris," we would say, "outlandish" simple. Hear the love-sick swain.

I will cling to thee till death.
Let thy fate (there!) be dark as fate,
And as *facetia* my latest breath,
I will breathe for thee a pray'r.

We never believe know that death and health rhymed. But verily we learn something daily. After this we can believe the author's assertion that his verses are *impromptu*.

The "Eye or Battle" is accepted. The other article to which the author alludes, viz. The Return—is too crude for publication. He will best advance his interest by suppressing it.

"Sketcher's" pen will appear shortly. Many thanks.

"Anioto" cannot be allowed a place in our columns.

Life Boat.

The catastrophe on Lake Erie has again called attention to the subject of life-preservers and life-boats. There seems to have been a criminal indifference to the latter hitherto. In every instance where life has been sacrificed by the wholesale, there has subsequently been found an utter deficiency of boats. The justice of the demand is conceded; but the requisition is never met. Cupidity gets the better of a desire to mitigate suffering, and the cry of the drowning fellow-creature is silenced by the cravings of heartlessness and avarice. We are tired with urging an increase of precaution on ship-board for saving human life. The arguments become stale by repetition, but yet their force is felt every time a cruel disaster occurs upon the lakes or the ocean.

The Buffalo papers speak of this unpardonable want of care and the insecurity which attends navigation. But will these repeated admonitions be regarded? Probably not, until the public mind is goaded by neglect to exasperation. The Buffalo Journal says that there is one thing which deserves the sharpest censure. Past events—and in this case most lamentably—have abundantly proved that little or no reliance can be placed, in any emergency, upon the ordinary small boats carried by our steam vessels. They cannot live in a rough sea. In the haste of lowering them, they have not capacity sufficient to take half the passengers that not unfrequently crowd the steamboats. Francis's Life-boats should be promptly substituted. It would entail some additional expense, but if instead of laying out so many thousands upon mere gew-gaws, or splendid drapery or furniture, the money was expended in obtaining a supply of Life-boats adequate to any exigency, the public interests would be better promoted.

Life-preservers should also be provided, though these, from the difficulty of inflating them, are less effective than is generally supposed. Sometimes they wholly fail of their purpose on this account. Ludicrous scenes, now and then, occur in case of false-alarm, from the attempt to use the life-preserver. We think it is Col. Green, who tells a story of a fat, talkative dame, who, on the western waters, provided herself with a life-preserver, in case of emergency. The good woman was easily frightened, and, one night, when something occurring to the machinery, and half of the passengers, thinking the boiler about to explode, rushed on deck, she was seen, clothed in her night-dress, her hair dishevelled, and her life-preserver fastened around her, running shrieking into the midst of the crowd, and as she held up the mouth of the tube by which her life-preserver was inflated, she screamed, "Blow me up—will nobody blow me up? for God's sake blow me up."

The Elections.

The Election returns of the month come in slowly. We have, however, partial returns from several of the States, and more complete returns from others.

Tennessee.—Fifteen counties give Jones (Whig candidate for Governor) 16,937; Polk, (Dpp.) 15,956. Harrison in the same counties received 19,627; Van Buren, 14,915. Of the Legislature, which is considered the most important, as two U. S. Senators are to be elected, the following is given by the Knoxville Register, 4 Whig Senators elected, a gain of one; two Opposition elected. To the House, 16 Whigs, a gain of one; and 11 Opposition. The result is so far extremely doubtful.

Indiana.—Thus far, the following is the result.

	Whig.	Dem.
Senate,	8	10
House,	40	50

Kentucky.—The Whigs have carried this State. Result so far.

	Whig.	Dem.
Senate,	7	2
House,	45	10

Illinois.—There is no doubt of the re-election of Gov. Reynolds (Dem.) from the first district by a large majority—the election was only for members of Congress. In the second district the chances are in favor of the election of Anderson (Opp.) In the third district, Stewart (Dem.) is probably elected. The whole vote is small.

Alabama.—The Democrats have increased their majorities in both branches of the Legislature; and the Democratic candidate for Governor is elected by a larger majority than any Democrat has received there for many years past.

Missouri.—In St. Louis county there was an election held on the 3d and 4th inst. for Clerks of the several Courts and Marshal only. The contests was not conducted on party grounds, and there are several candidates in the field for each office. The first day's voting gives an aggregate of about 2500 votes. An attempt was being made by one or two Whig papers to give the contest a party cast on the second day.

Rev. John Breckenridge.

The many friends of this distinguished divine will learn with deep regret that he died at the residence of his mother, near Lexington, Ky. on the 4th inst. We find the following announcement of the melancholy event in the Presbyterian—

"It becomes our painful duty to announce that the Rev. Dr. John Breckenridge departed this life on the 4th instant, at the residence of his mother in Kentucky. Notwithstanding the many unfavorable reports we have recently received of the state of his health, we had still cherished the hope of his prolonged life. But it was otherwise determined in the wise counsels of God, and we submissively bow to the dispensation. It was our privilege to enjoy much of the society of the deceased, and we greatly esteemed and loved him. A more devoted servant of Jesus Christ we have never known, and of him it is literally true, that he wore himself out by his abundant and unceasing labors. His mind is on high. We shall doubtless have an extended notice of the life and death of this conspicuously good man, to whom death was then briefly allude, as our paper is going to press."

Case of Miss Rogers.

Since our article on this subject last week, the police of New York has entered into the investigation of this fearful tragedy with something more of the proper activity, and is now pursuing its inquiries in the manner we pointed out, thoroughly and resolutely, and with a fair prospect of success. During the week the Mayor has been engaged in taking depositions of every character relating to this subject, but the testimony is to be suppressed for the present in order to render success more probable. This is as it should be. In the earlier stages of a criminal investigation, when the object is to detect the offender, nothing is more calculated to frustrate that purpose than giving publicity to the evidence on hand. The guilty party at once takes the alarm.

The testimony of Dr. Clark, who examined the body when first discovered, is not, however, of this nature, and a portion of it has, therefore, been suffered to be published. It is unavoidably indefinite; too much so at least for our columns. The substance of it is, that Mary Rogers was brutally outraged, by *two or more persons*, and then murdered. Of this fact there can be no doubt. It increases accordingly the chances of discovery, for, sooner or later, one of the confederates will betray his accomplices.

A man was seen in Hoboken on the day of the murder, in company with a female answering the description of the victim. They appeared to be quarrelling. The man left New York the next day, but on information of these facts, a police officer was sent in pursuit of him. On Tuesday the officer returned to New York, having arrested the suspected person Morse, at West Boylston, about seven miles north of Worcester, on Sunday. He had been hovering about Worcester ever since he left the city, and was watched pretty closely by the authorities of that place. He was taken into custody as he was in the act of receiving a letter, which was immediately opened, and found to have been written in New York, advising him to shave off his whiskers, and disguise himself as much as possible, as the police were on the look out for him.

We understand that he is the person seen in conversation with Miss Rogers, at Hoboken, toward evening of Sunday, the 25th ultimo. He was then seen and recognised by a gentleman of that city, whose name we have, but do not think it requisite to mention. Immediately after the discovery of the body, this gentleman made inquiry, and ascertained that the prisoner had hastily left the city.

He thereupon communicated all he knew to the police. The apprehension of the prisoner were taken before the magistrates, and from one of them it was ascertained that he expected a letter. The letter was watched for and obtained, and although it bore no date or place of writing, intimations were drawn from it that the prisoner might be found at Worcester, to which place an officer was despatched, accompanied by the gentleman above referred to.

Since his arrival in New York, Morse has been fully identified by the gentleman who saw him at Hoboken on Sunday the 25th ult. Morse has been long known as a very licentious man and the companion of gamblers, having frequently gambled himself. He has an interesting wife and one or two children in the 8th Ward of the city.

It is clearly proved that if Morse is guilty, he was not the only actor in the bloody tragedy, as the examination before the Coroner's jury and Dr. Cock before the Mayor clearly proves. Having him then in custody, it becomes the duty of the Police to ferret out his confederates in guilt, one of whom evidently is the writer of the letter to Morse at Worcester, and who it is not improbable may be found. It is not to be expected, however, that Morse will make disclosures if he be guilty, but will meet his accomplices with a firm denial, and compel them to collect their proof as they can, which the Mayor and Police magistrate Taylor are actively engaged in doing.

Another Outrage in New York.

New York appears to be infested with a band of ruffians and lawless ruffians in every disguised a civilized community. The N. York American says, on Sunday afternoon, as a young gentleman and lady were returning from a walk in the upper part of the city, when in the 10th Avenue, above Jane street, they were set upon by a gang of rowdies, who hung around the Greenwich and Spring street markets, and the lady taken with violence from her companion, who was beaten in a most unmanly manner.

It seems almost incredible that these offences could be perpetrated in a city governed by laws, and possessing a Mayor and Police authorities. Our neighbors sometimes speak humbly of Philadelphia morals. Doubtless, we are liable to much censure—but it seems to us that our citizens would never permit repeated outrages within our limits, without some stronger and more efficient demonstrations than has yet taken place in our sister city. Rewards ought to be offered immediately for the arrest of the offenders, committees should be appointed by meetings held for the purpose, and the most active efforts should be made for the detection and punishment of these brutal and lawless offenders. Lynch law in the West, and street fights in the Southwest, are deplorable enough—but murders, and acts of outrage committed by bands of organized villians with impunity, within the limits or vicinity of the metropolis of the Empire State, should rouse a spirit of indignation, and elicit an expression of public sentiment, with corresponding efforts, calculated in some degree at least, to show that the Commercial Emporium is not abandoned to such murderous deeds as we have referred to.

Convenience.

The Trenton Gazette, gives the following account of what appears to be an invention of much utility.

Bird & Weld have been constructing an improved *water ram* for raising water, which may now be seen in operation at Simmon's axe factory. An examination of it will gratify curiosity. It is simply a small cylinder and piston head. A swiftly running stream of water runs into the cylinder under the piston head and pries it up violently to the top of the cylinder. Being here suddenly stopped the water rebounds with some violence. Being prevented by a valve from going out at the place through which it entered, it rushes through another opening into an ascending pipe, and a valve closes behind it as soon as the rebounding force is expended. Then the water rushes in from the stream again, drives up the piston as before, and with another rebound a second quantity of water, is forced into the ascending pipe. The apparatus is simple, and costs, we were told, but about thirty dollars. It has raised two gallons a minute, to the height of thirty feet. It is intended, we believe, for the use of farmers who have a good stream in a low place, near their buildings. This cheap instrument will raise for them as much water as they may want. It is all iron, and so simple that it can scarcely cost any thing for repairs.

There are one or two other parts to this apparatus to facilitate its operations. We have avoided mentioning them, for the sake of perspicuity.

Remedy for Lightning.

An account is published in the New York Sun, in which two persons say said to have recovered from the effects of lightning by the use of cold water. In the latter case it is said that "Mrs. Van B., the wife of a highly respectable resident of Bergen, near the Corners, was struck down by a flash of lightning, apparently dead beyond hope of recovery. She was so considered by her family, and not one of them, nor of the neighbors who were called in, entertained the most distant idea but that she had passed forever to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Preparations were consequently made for laying her out, and paying the last sad rites to her lifeless remains. At least ten minutes had elapsed after her receiving the shock, when her brother arrived at the scene of affliction and sorrow, and, fortunately, his presence of mind prompted him to the application of water recurred to his mind, and though without hope, he proceeded to make the application as directed in the paragraph. The unfortunate lady was placed upon the ground, and water poured upon her person, pailful after pailful, from head to foot; and to the astonishment and joy of all, she soon began to exhibit signs of returning animation. The process was continued, and the restoration soon became perfect; and on incredibly short space of time she had to all appearance fully and perfectly recovered from the effects of the shock which all had supposed had been irretrievably fatal."

Hackmen's Roguery.

Our neighbor of the U. S. Gazette, has the following respecting this subject. "The Hackmen of New York are, it seems, better versed in the art and mystery of roguery, than those with which abound in this city, and contrive to draw pretty hard bargains sometimes. For a short time back, they have been acting upon the following plan to obtain high fares. The driver takes with him some loafing acquaintance, who goes forward as the driver, and contracts at any price to do the job. He then conducts the travellers to his carriage and the driver goes off as ordered. When the job is done, the driver demands two or three times as much as the price agreed on, and most villainously disclaims all knowledge of the contractor. The contractor is of course not at hand. To guard against this, it is necessary to repeat the contract with the driver."

Every word of this is true, as we had ourselves to experience, on a late visit to Gotham. The same trick was attempted to be played on us, but we refused to be imposed upon, and gained our point. The way in which we managed it, was to learn the number of the first contractor, and thus, in case of difficulty, we had the rogue in our power. Unquestionably the hackmen of New York are the most rascally users in the country.

Piracy.

The Sag Harbor Corrective of Wednesday week has a long account of the seizure of the whaling barque Pilot, of London, in December last, at the Chowry Islands, by the Malays. While the second mate and captain were on shore in two of the boats, the vessel was boarded and taken possession of by the natives. The boat in which the second mate went ashore was attacked at the same time; he was killed, as also the boat-steerer and two others were wounded. The others in the boat succeeded in making off, and after some days fell in with a British man-of-war, bound to China, which, however, went out of her way to the Chowry Islands, and recovered the barque, which the natives had plundered and destroyed on the most extensive scale. Ten persons were saved, as above; two were killed; what became of the other twenty-one, including the captain and mate, was not known. The account was written by the surgeon, and is communicated by the United States Consul at St. Helena.

U. S. Ship Delaware.

According to previous arrangement, the Heads of Departments at Washington, and a large number of the members of Congress and invited guests, visited the ship Delaware, lying off Annapolis, on Saturday. We learn that after inspecting every part of the noble vessel they were gratified with the novel sight of the exercise of the men in the various evolutions of a naval engagement. The drums beat to quarters, the yards were manned, the cannon thundered from the several decks, the muskets rattled from the round tops and quarter decks, and was made and taken in with surprising alacrity—every act showing the superior excellence of the ship and the great discipline of the crew. The company, we understand, were highly pleased with their visit, to almost all of whom the sight was entirely new. The President of the United States remained at Washington.

Affray.

An affray, in the shape of a duel, took place a few days since at Indian Bend, in the State of Louisiana, between G. L. Fuselier and Alcide Perot. The French Creole Republican states that in the engagement Mr. Fuselier received the ball of Mr. A. Perot on the breech of a pistol on his person, which destroyed its effect. Mr. Perot received a cut on the head, and a slight one on the leg by a broad sword from Mr. F. and Mr. Alfred Perot was cut on the hand, in attempting to fend off a third blow aimed at his brother, who accidentally fell after firing his pistol. About this time Mr. Cherie Perot, a cousin of the two former, received a ball in his right shoulder, which passed through the shoulder blade and came out in front—the pistol was fired by Dr. Nebone one of Mr. F's friends. The wounded are not considered dangerous, and are getting well.

The Chinese Collection.

A few days longer, and this extensive and various collection will close. We are gratified to perceive, however, that large numbers of citizens, strangers and children, may now be found in the rooms daily and nightly. The disposition is to embrace the fleeting opportunity. It is to be hoped that every Philadelphian will at least visit this collection once before its departure from this country. It has long been an ornament to our city, and it may be that its enterprising proprietor will be tempted by some munificent offer to permit it to remain in Europe. This last chance, therefore, should not be neglected. Several Sunday Schools have visited the Collection within the last few days. The price of admission in such cases, is made very moderate.

Lyell, the Geologist.

This distinguished gentleman arrived at Boston a few days ago from England. The Boston Times says that he has accepted an invitation to deliver a course of lectures on Geology before the Lowell Institute, in the ensuing autumn. From that time until October Professor Lyell will be engaged in geological explorations of the country.

The Veto Message.

As we inclined to think last week, the President has vetoed the Fiscal Bank Bill. It was returned to the Senate, at 12 o'clock on Monday, with his objections, in shape of a Message. After the reading of the veto, slight hisses and applause were heard in the gallery, but they were soon quieted. Mr. Clay then moved that the subject be laid over until the following day. A full account of all this, however, will be found among our Congressional News.

The Intelligencer has a column of remarks upon the Veto, expressing disappointment at the result, but urging upon the majority in Congress to act with calmness, considerateness and patriotism, and to carry out the other measures which they have before them. It also trusts that another attempt to get a Bank Bill passed will be made this session, though it expresses a possibility that the object will not be accomplished until the next. The Madisonian also has an article upon the Veto, and after stating the President's objections, viz: "The unconstitutionality of the Bill; 2. The impracticability of the 16th fundamental article of the 11th section; 3. The absence of all necessity to make local loans, as a means of transacting the Fiscal business of the Government, proceeds to condemn the discounting power as not necessary for the regulation of commerce or the country. A correspondent at Washington mentions, in his letter of Monday night, to the U. S. Gazette, that after a private meeting of Whigs, it was understood that the Cabinet would hold their places and await the result of another attempt to create a Fiscal Agent. If that should fail, they must go out. The same paper, however, says: A friend, who is intimate with the most distinguished members of Congress of both parties, writes to me as follows:—"I am perfectly satisfied that Congress will not rise without passing a law creating an Exchange Bank, and that the President will sign it. I would advise you, as a friend and a Whig editor to treat the Veto leniently, it being merely a difference of opinion among brethern of the same principles."

As the Whigs have a clear majority in Congress, much anxiety is felt as to the course they may adopt, on this subject; the Baltimore Patriot of Wednesday says:—"The news from Washington this morning is more favourable than that which appears from the face of the proceedings of Congress.

The Whigs of the House were in session after the adjournment. A good feeling prevailed; the measures of Congress were discussed, and every member present felt more than ever the importance of union, harmony, concession and compromise.

The Whig Senators and Representatives were in session also. The result of their deliberations was to report a bill, either embodying Mr. Ewing's *proffer*, or one more favorable to the country—that is, uniting upon the same measure which would receive the favorable consideration of the country and President. Mr. Ewing's bill will be passed, we are assured, if nothing better can be adopted. Congress, at any rate, will do its duty, and once more leave the responsibility with the Executive, to do his.

The indications from the evening's deliberations are considered as favorable to the passage of the Land Bill, the Bankrupt Bill and a Bank Bill with agencies in the States and the power of exchange and rest of discount. To-day, however, was to decide all, and we look with eagerness for the news by the next mail."

The veto, it will be seen, is unconditional and absolute. The objections of the President may be divided into two classes—*first*, he objects to the right of Congress to charter a U. S. Bank which shall be an office of discount, and—*second*, he denies the right of Congress to establish branches of such a bank in the several states with or without their assent.

Under the first head the President remarks that he has always denied the constitutionality of a U. S. Bank *with the power of discount*, that this, his opinion, was well known to the public, and that he was elected Vice-President within a few months after he had made a public declaration of these views. He then defends his opinions that the power of local discount is not necessary for the collection of the revenue, or *the regulation of exchanges*, by saying that so long as the old Bank dealt in discounts in preference to exchanges, she failed to introduce a good currency; but that the moment she altered her policy, and began trading in foreign and domestic bills, her paper at once rose, throughout the country to the value of specie. Thus, he argues, Congress has no power to pass a bill like the present.

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MESSAGE
OF THE
President of the United States.

Returning, with his objections, the Bill to incorporate the Fiscal Bank of the United States, August, 16, 1841.

To the Senate of the United States

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the United States," which originated in the Senate, has been considered by me with a sincere desire to conform my action in regard to it, to that of the two Houses of Congress. By the Constitution I am bound to veto any bill, either to approve the bill by signing it, or to return it with my objections to the House in which it originated. I cannot conscientiously give it my approval, and I proceed to discharge the duty required of me by the Constitution—to give my reasons for disapproving.

The power of Congress to create a National Bank to operate per or over the Union, has been a question of dispute from the origin of our Government. Men most justly and deservedly esteemed for their high intellectual endowments, their virtue, and their patriotism, have in their time maintained different and conflicting opinions. Congress have differed. The approval of one President has been followed by the disapproval of another. The people at different times have acquiesced in decisions both for and against. The country has been and still is deeply agitated by this unsettled question. It will suffice for me to say, that my own opinion has been uniformly pronounced to be against the exercise of any such power by this government. On all suitable occasions, during a period of twenty-five years, the opinions thus entertained have been unreservedly expressed. I declared it in the Legislature of my own native State. In the House of Representatives of the United States it has been openly vindicated by me. In the Senate Chamber, in the presence and hearing of many who are this time members of that body, it has been affirmed and reaffirmed, in speeches and reports there made, and by votes there recorded. In popular assemblies I have unhesitatingly announced it, and the last public declaration which I made, and that but a short time before the late Presidential election, I referred to my previously expressed opinions as being those then entertained by me, in such a full manner as to leave no doubt misunderstood, and never concealed, I was elected by the people Vice-President of the United States. By the occurrence of a contingency provided for by the Constitution, and arising under an impressive dispensation of Providence I succeeded to the Presidential office.

Before entering upon the duties of that office, I took an oath that I would "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Entertaining the opinions alluded to, and having taken this oath, the Senate and the country will see that I could not give any assertion to a measure of the character described without surrendering all claim to the respect of honorable men—all confidence on the part of the people—all self-respect—all peace of mind—all those moral and religious obligations—without an observance of which, no Government can be prosperous, and no People can be happy. It would be to commit a crime which I would not willfully commit to secure any earthly reward, and which would justly subject me to the ridicule and scorn of all virtuous men.

I deem it entirely unnecessary at this time to enter upon the reasons which have brought my mind to the convictions I feel and entertain on this subject. They have been over and over again repeated. If some of those who have pressed me in short but pointed notes have entertained and avowed different opinions, I yield all confidence that their convictions were sincere. I claim only to have the same measure meted out to myself. Without going further into the argument, I will say that, in looking to the powers of this Government to collect, safely keep, and disburse the public revenue, and incidentally to regulate the commerce and exchanges, I have not been able to satisfy myself that the proposed agent, the Government, of a bank of discount, on the ordinary acceptation of that term, was a necessary means, or one demanded by propriety, to execute those powers.

What can the local discounts of the bank have to do with the collecting, safe-keeping, and disbursing of the revenue? So far as the mere transportation of paper is concerned, it is quite immaterial to this question whether the discount is obtained at a State Bank or a United States Bank. They are both equally local—both beginning and both ending in a local accommodation. What influence have local discounts, granted by any form of bank, in the regulating of the currency and the exchanges? Let the history of the United States Bank and us answering this enquiry.

For several years after the establishment of that institution it dealt almost exclusively in local discounts, and during that period, the country was, for the most part, disappointed in the consequences anticipated from its incorporation.

A uniform currency was not provided, exchanges were not regulated, and little or nothing was added to the general circulation; and in 1826, its embarrassments had become so great that the directors petitioned Congress to repeal that article of the charter which made its notes receivable every where in payment of public dues. It had, up to that period, dealt to but a very small extent in exchanges, either foreign or domestic; and so late as 1832, its operations in that line amounted to a little more than $7,000,000 per annum; a very rapid augmentation soon after occurred, and in 1833 its dealings in exchanges amounted to upward of $100,000,000, including the sales of its own drafts; and all these immense transactions were effected without the employment of extraordinary means.

The currency of the country became sound, and the negotiations in the exchanges were carried on at the lowest possible rates. The circulation was increased to more than $22,000,000, and the notes of the Bank were regarded as equal to specie all over the country, thus showing, almost conclusively, that it was the capacity to deal in exchanges, and not in local discounts, which furnished these facilities and advantages. It may be remarked, too, that notwithstanding the immense transactions of the Bank in the purchase of exchange, the losses sustained were merely nominal. While, in the line of discounts, the suspended debt was enormous, and proved most disastrous to the Bank and the country. Its power of local discount has, in fact, proved to be a fruitful source of favoritism and corruption, alike destructive to the public morals and to the general weal.

The capital invested in banks of discount in the United States, created by the Bank, at the time exceeds $350,000,000; and if the discounting of local paper could have produced any beneficial effects, the United States ought to possess the soundest currency in the world, but the reverse is lamentably the fact.

In the measure now under consideration, of the objectionable character to which I have alluded! It is clearly so, unless by the 16th fundamental article of the 11th section it is made otherwise. That article is in the following words:

"The directors of the said corporation shall establish one competent office of discount and deposit in any State in which two thousand shares shall have been subscribed, or may be held, whenever, upon application of the Legislature of such State, Congress may by law require the same. And the said directors may also establish one or more competent offices of discount and deposit in any Territory or District of the United States, and in any State with the assent of such State; and when established, the said office or offices shall be only withdrawn or removed by the said directors prior to the expiration of this charter, with the previous assent of Congress. *Provided*, in respect to any State which shall not at the first session of the Legislature thereof held after the passage of this act, by resolution or other unamed legislative proceeding, unconditionally assent or dissent to the establishment of such office or offices within it, such assent of said State shall be thereafter presumed." The assent or dissent of Banks, not even of those established *the first session of the Legislature by some formal legislative act*, and, if not so expressed, the assent is to be implied, and the directors are thereupon invested with power, at such times thereafter as they please, to establish branches, which cannot afterwards be withdrawn, except by resolve of Congress.

No matter what may be the cause which may operate with the Legislature, which either prevents it from assenting, or addresses itself to its wisdom, to induce delay, its assent is implied. This iron rule is to give way to no circumstances—it is something which, by the Republican language of the master to the vassal—an unconditional answer is claimed forthwith; and delay, postponement, or inequacity to answer, produces an implied assent, which is ever after irrevocable. Measures of the revenue, *or the regulation of exchanges*, by saying that so long as the old Bank dealt in discounts in preference to exchanges, she failed to introduce a good currency; but that the moment she altered her policy, and began trading in foreign and domestic bills, her paper at once rose, throughout the county to the value of specie. Thus, he argues, Congress has no power to pass a bill like the present.

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Burning of the Erie.

Conflagration of the Steamboat Erie—Thirty two hundred lives lost—Thrilling incidents of the fire—Recovery of the wreck—Number on board—List of the lost and saved—Personal sufferers of confiance and generosity, &c. &c. &c.

In a postscript, last week, we announced the heart-rending intelligence of the loss of the Steamboat Erie on Lake Erie, by which awful catastrophe more than two hundred persons were hurried into eternity. We this week give the particulars of the tragedy.

The steamer Erie left Buffalo on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Chicago. The precise number on board of her is not known, but it is estimated by the Captain, from a glance at the register before leaving the harbor, to have exceeded two hundred souls. Amongst the number were several painters, who, with their materials, were on their way to some port up the lake for the purpose of painting a boat lying there.

A strong wind and rough sea prevailing at the time, Capt. Titus hesitated for some time to put out, but the De Witt Clinton having left about three hours previous, he was finally induced to start on the fatal voyage.

First Outbreak of the Fire.

The wind was blowing fresh, everything promised a pleasant and prosperous voyage. Nothing occurred to mar this prospect till about 8 o'clock, when the boat was off Silver Creek, about eight miles from Buffalo, and thirty-three miles from Buffalo, when a slight explosion was heard, and immediately almost instantaneously the whole vessel was enveloped in flames. Capt. Titus, who was on the upper deck at the time, rushed to the ladies' cabin to obtain the life preservers, of which there were from 90 to 100 on board, but so rapid had been the progress of the flames, he found it impossible to enter the cabin.

The Captain then returned to the upper deck, giving, as he hurried on, his orders to the engineer to stop. The engineer replied that in consequence of the flames he could not reach the engine. The Captain then was immediately directed to put the helm hard a starboard. The vessel swung slowly round, heading to the shore, and the boats—there were three on board—were then ordered to be lowered. Two of the boats were lowered, but in consequence of the heavy sea on and the headway of the vessel, they both swamped as they touched the water.

Miraculous Escape of a Lady.

At this period the spectacle was appalling in the extreme, and no language can describe the frantic horror of the doomed passengers. The small boat was lowered—four persons in it—the captain jumped in, and the boat filled with water and dropped a-stern. A lady floated by at this moment with a life preserver on, she shrieked for help, the captain threw her the only one in the boat, she caught it and was saved—this lady was Mrs. Lynde, of Milwaukie, and she was the only female who was saved from the fated vessel.

Discovery of the Wreck.

In this condition, the boat a mass of fierce fire, and the passengers and crew endeavoring to save themselves by swimming or supporting themselves by whatever they could reach, they were found by the Clinton at about 10, P. M. The Clinton left Buffalo in the morning, but in consequence of the wind had put into Dunkirk, has gone there till nearly sunset, at which time she ran out and had proceeded as far as Barcelona, when just at twilight, the fire of the Erie was discovered about twenty miles astern. The Clinton immediately put about and reached the burning wreck about 10 o'clock.

It was a fearful sight. All the upper works of the Erie had been burned away. The engine was standing but the hull was a mass of dull, red flame.

The passengers and crew were floating around, screaming in their agony and shrieking for help. The boats of the Clinton were immediately lowered, manned, and every person that could be seen or heard was picked up, and every possible relief afforded. The Lady, a native of Dunkirk, was one of those picked up as soon as possible after the discovery of the fire, and arrived soon after the Clinton. It was not thought by the survivors that she saved many.

The Wreck.

At 1 o'clock, A. M., all was over. Nothing was heard but the low, dead crackling of the burning fire. Not a solitary struggle for life could be seen on the wide waste of waters. No trace was left on the glassy surface of the deep, of all that had gathered on that boat of agony, except a portion of the hapless hulk of the ill-fated Erie. An effort was made to tow the hull ashore, but it sunk in eleven fathome water, about four miles from the banks of the lake. It was now daylight, and the Clinton headed for Erie.

Origin of the Fire.

Among the passengers on board were six painters, in the employ of Mr. W. G. Miller, of Buffalo, who were going to Erie to paint the steamboat Madison. They had with them a barrel of oil, a barrel of turpentine and varnish, which, unknown to Capt. Titus, were placed on the boiler deck directly over the boilers. One of the painters, who was saved, says he had occasion to go on deck, and seeing the demijohns removed thence. They were replaced, by whom is not known. Immediately previous to the bursting forth of the flames, a slight explosion was heard. The demijohns had probably burst with the heat, and their inflammable contents, taking fire instantly, communicated to every part of the boat, which, having been freshly varnished, caught as if it had been gunpowder.

Number on Board.

It is impossible to give a correct list of all the passengers. Of cabin passengers Capt. Titus thinks there were between 30 and 40, of whom 10 or 12 were ladies. In the steerage there were about 140 passengers, the greater of whom were Swiss and German emigrants. These were in families, all of whom found a common grave in the fatal deep.—The heart breaks, as it reflects on the many ties of endeared relationship which were thus suddenly ruderly and forever broken.

The following is a list, so far as can be ascertained, of

The Lost.

W. M. Camp, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Willet Weeks, Brooklyn; John C. Paul, New York City; E. S. Cobb, Ann Arbor, Mich., Otto Torp, N. Y., wife and 3 children; Lloyd Gelston, Erie, clerk; Mr. Jones, steward of the boat; Mrs. Giles Williams, Chicago; C. L. Lynde, Milwaukie; Watts S. Fitzgerald, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. H. Smith and child, Schenectady; A Sears, Philip Barber, Henry Weaver, Wm. Thomas, ——— Peter Finney, gunsmiths, Buffalo, in the employ of W. G. Miller; Miss A. Miller, Buffalo, sister of Wm. G. Miller; J. D. Woodward, New York; Wm. Griffin, Mississippi; D. S. Sloan, Geneva; E. Stow, Canada; Wm. Beckett, Michigan; Mrs. Spencer and two children; Mrs. Dow; Mrs. Robinson, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; Mrs. Robinson, do. do.; Miss Robinson, do. do.; Miss King, do. do.; Mr. Moore, lady and 2 children, from Yates county, moving to Michigan; Otis Green, Meadville, Yates co., Kosme Button, from near Fort Plain; Charles S. Mather, Mt. Clemens, Mich., has got a family at that place.

List of Swiss passengers shipped by Messrs. P. L. Parsons & Co.

Names.	Number.	Destination.
Geo. Ziegler and family,	9	Akron, O.
John Flang,	2	"
Martin Zulgen,	2	"
Geo. Retringer,	3	"
Geo. Christian,	2	"
Geo. Niegold,	1½	"
M. Riebold,	2	"
Geo. Brunman,	2	"
Peter King,	2	"
John Neeter,	1	"
Peter Schendler,	5	Cleveland
J. Neuminger,	4	"
S. Steigler,	5½	"
J. Filling,	1	"
Mr. Ogens,	1	"
I. Korten,	1	Dover, O.
J. Dailey,	1	"
Mr. Lithbold & family,	5	"
C. Deitbreck,	2	"
C. Wilber,	6	"
J. Palmer,	2	Madison, O.
J. Gerghun,	5½	"
J. Mullman,	1	"
C. Kellerman,	1	Chicago
C. Munch and friend,	2	"

Munch was recently from Europe, and left his family in this city. He was on his way west to secure land for settlement.

The list comprises the names of 87 persons, as it is customary to pass children at half price, the whole number in this list must have reached one hundred souls. The officers of the ship, including Bailey, and three others whose names we could not learn, were saved.

We now give the brief list of

The Saved.

We are indebted to R. Gibson, clerk of the steamboat De Witt Clinton, for the following list of persons saved:—Jerome McBride wheelman, badly burned; James Lonsity, do.; Hiram De Graff, passenger; Dennis McBride, 1st mate; Theodore Dale, 2d mate; Jas. St. John, passenger to Chicago; C. Hogg, do., badly burned; Wm. Wadsworth, one of the band, Erie; Al. fred O. Wilkinson, East Euclid, Ohio; William Hughes, 2d mate; Luther S. Seale, Dresden; Thomas B. Fay, Pittsford, N. Y.; John Winchell, Buffalo; Edward Chesmore, 1st engineer, son of George Beebee, Cleveland; Harrison Forrester, Harbor creek, Pa.; Thomas Quinnan, Mahlefield, Mass.;

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Financial Record.

New Counterfeits.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Philadelphia—5's altered from Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Wisconsin, letter B, of different dates, and payable to different persons. Filling up in blue ink. W. Patton, Jr. Cashier, J. Tagert, President. Vignette, a female holding in right hand a cup, and left arm resting on an eagle. Engraved by Burton & Gurley, New York.

20's altered from Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Burlington, W. T., letter A, payable to different persons, and of various dates. Vignette, a female spinning—on left margin, a female holding a cup to an eagle, and on right end, an Indian. Engraved by Burton & Gurley Burton & Gurley never engraved plates for this Bank.

Bank of Central New York, Utica, N. Y.—5's, dated January 2, 1841, payable to B. Cushman, T. O. Greene, Cashier, A. Thomas, President. The general appearance of the note is bad, the lettering very irregular.

Commercial Bank, Rochester, New York.—10's with red back—counter-signature—the Register's name absolutely done. H. Ely, President, and Thos. H. Rochester, Cashier. They are easily detected by the omission of the word No. in the counterfeit, which is at the right of the vignette in the genuine note. ☞The bank is returning its old emission to the Comptroller, to be cancelled, and now issuing new notes without the red back.

The notes of the Towanda Bank are again received on deposit at the bank of Pennsylvania, and will continue to be received until the funds lodged with the latter institution are exhausted.—*Rickwell's Reporter.*

SMALL NOTES.—Gov. Porter has instructed the Attorney General, Mr. Johnson, to commence prosecutions against all corporations not authorised to issue small notes, after the 10th of September. All persons or corporations known as engaged in the issue or introduction of the small notes of other States, will also receive special attention from the Attorney General or his Deputies.

THE BANKS OF NEW ORLEANS are talking of resumption in November next. There has been a controversy among them, which has tended to accelerate this object.

Sales of Stocks.

By the Philadelphia Board of Brokers, for the week ending Thursday.

Shares	Stocks	Price sold for
400	shares Vicksburg Bank	5 1-16
185	do United States Bank	15 1-16
100	do Phil. Wil. & Balt. R. R	25 1-16
75	do Exchange Bank, Pitts	60
63	do North America Insurance Co	fair
50	do Reading R. R	26 1-27
50	do Planters Bank Miss	12
49	do Bank of Mechanics Bank	43 1-16
30	do Philada & Trenton R. R	13
20	do Schuylkill Navigation Co	30 1
10	do Girard Life & Annuity	98
10	do Commercial Bank	44
5	do Philadelphia Exchange	37
4	do Philadelphia Bank	78
4	do Girard Bank	37 1-4
3	do Pennsylvania Bank	99
2	do Mechanics Bank	38 1-2

Congressional News.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 1841.

In the House of Representatives, today, a communication was received from the Post Office Department, showing the amount of appropriations made at different periods for the new Post Office building. The following is the statement

In 1839 there was appropriated,	$150,000 00
1840	125,000 00
1841	100,000 00
Total,	$375,000 00
Expended to this date,	322,563 56
Balance,	$52,436 44

Out of this balance there will be paid during the present month, accounts to the amount of about $16,000, for materials furnished.

The fortification bill, as amended by the Senate, was reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, with other amendments, which was referred to the committee of the whole.

After the disposal of several other matters of no general importance, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill from the Senate, was resumed in committee of the whole. After some debate, at three o'clock, the committee rose without taking the question, and the House adjourned.

The Senate agreed to the amendments of the House, to the bill repealing the Sub-Treasury law, and it was then morning presented to the President for his signature. The amendments repeal the deposit act except the 12th and 14th sections, so that should the Bank bill be vetoed there will be now no legal depository for the public money, other than that of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Senate then resumed the debate on the Distribution bill.

WASHINGTON, August 12, 1841.

On Thursday, the Senate resumed the day in the consideration of the Distribution Bill from the House. Nothing but talking was done. In the House, an attempt was made to have the Bankrupt Bill taken out of committee yesterday, but it failed.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions, were taken up, and concurred in. So there is an end of that bill.

Mr. Underwood, on leave, presented a memorial asking Congress to provide means for the payment of the awards made to the Commissioners appointed under the Convention between this country and Mexico.

Mr. Stanford presented the proceedings of a public meeting in Philadelphia, protesting against the measures of the present Congress.

After the disposal of several memorials, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill was again resumed in committee of the whole, the question pending being on the motion of Mr. Gordon to strike out the enacting clause. After four speeches of one hour each had been made, the committee rose without taking the question, and the House immediately adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, 1841.

HOUSE.—On Friday the House did nothing, almost. The Bankrupt Bill was talked over, but nothing decided upon. No time was fixed even for the debate to cease. The Senate bill amending the Census Act was taken up, but the members got tired and adjourned. The House does not sport again till Monday.

In the Senate, quite a little was done. The bill distributing the proceeds of the public lands was debated, and that is all. Its passage is doubtful. The Senate did not adjourn, like the House, till Monday.

On Saturday the House was not in session, and in the Senate no business of importance was transacted, the day being consumed in idle debates on uninteresting subjects.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 1841.

SENATE.—The Senate Chamber was crowded this morning in the expectation of the Veto Message.

The Distribution and Pre-emption Bills came up as the regular order of the day.

An important amendment was proposed by Mr. Clay of Ala. upon which the yeas and nays were called. It provided, there should be and remain in the Treasury a net surplus equal to the expenditures of the Government, suppressing the revenue from Customs to be equal to that purpose. The object of the amendment was to defeat the bill by keeping the land revenue in the Treasury, and two millions besides.

Mr. Smith of Ind. expoused its object and the effects of carrying it through.

Mr. Benton and Mr. Clay of Ala. defended the bill and amendment.

Bank Bill Veto.—During the discussion (at twelve o'clock) the Private Secretary of the President appeared at the Bar of the House with the Fiscal Bank Bill in one hand and the Message of the President in the other.

The appearance of the Secretary excited some interest, and a breathless silence followed.

The message was placed in the hands of the President of the Senate, and the land bill laid upon the table, when a new order of things unexpectedly succeeded.

There was a disposition on the part of some one or more of the audience to give demonstrations of approbation or disapprobation at the course of the President. When Mr. Benton rose with feelings of immense excitement, and cried aloud that he had come to the Senate this morning expecting that the President of the United States would be insulted by bank ruffians. I knew he would, said Mr. Benton. "I felt it. I told my friends so. It has come just as I expected—just as I predicted. Mr. B. concluded with a motion to arrest the offender.

Mr. Preston joined with Mr. Benton in a call for a redress of the insult. He did not hear the hisses, but supposed they had been heard by others.

Mr. Rives asked the Senator from Mo. to withdraw his motion. He was sure that he had heard no hisses, and many Senators around him had not. He begged, therefore, that if they had been heard the Senate would be content with the expression of opinion on the part of the Senate which had been given. If there had been hisses there had been demonstrations of approval also.

Mr. Linn said he had heard both the applause and the tokens of disapprobation. He believed it would have been much more extensive if it had not been interrupted.

Other Senators said they did not hear the hisses. Mr. Benton said in reply, I heard it; I came here to-day expecting to see an American President insulted by the Bank ruffians in the gallery. These Bank ruffians had been sent here, Mr. B. said, for this purpose, and no bank question had been introduced here without some such insult, continued Mr. B. and here or elsewhere I will throttle the monster (great laughter,) until he is strangled.

Mr. Buchanan rose with great apparent solemnity—"This is a very solemn and momentous occasion," he said; "I did distinctly hear a hiss, but the same time I am bound to say it was neither long or loud. I hope the Senator will withdraw his motion, and that the Senate will proceed to the business of the day."

Mr. Benton—I never will, so held me God. (Immense laughter.)

Mr. Buchanan—I had rather the Senator would withdraw, and then the important business of the day could be considered.

Mr. Benton said, it is true, as said by the Senator from Pennsylvania, that this is a solemn occasion—a very solemn occasion—and, therefore, it was that he was averse to spending the time of the Senate in a matter so trifling.

Mr. King hoped the Senator would withdraw his motion notwithstanding his pledge to the contrary.

Mr. Benton shook his head.

Mr. King said he had seen the effect of bringing men to the bar of the Senate. It proved a very troublesome business.

Mr. Walker made an appeal to the Senator from Mo. to withdraw also. He had heard the hisses and seen the man making them. (A great mistake, as the man seen was a friend of the veto, being noisy and very drunk. He was finally arrested by the Sergeant-at-arms.)

My heart, said Mr. Walker, is too full of joy at the salvation of the country by an overruling Providence, to wish to be engaged in the punishment of a miserable maniac.

Mr. Benton withdrew his motion, and the drunken fellow in custody of the Sergeant-at-arms was discharged.

This subject having been disposed, Mr. Clay said, the Fiscal Bill before the Senate originated in this body, passed here, and was sent to the other body, concurred in there, and sent to the Executive for his signature. It is returned to us disapproved by the Executive. It is not my intention at this time to discuss the message. It would not comport with the dignity of the co-ordinate branch of the Government, nor the gravity of the subject. I rise for another purpose.

We are sufficiently familiar with the exercise of Executive power, even if we did have the Constitution to guide us to the conditions to be imposed. The Constitution provides that not approving a Bill, the President shall return it with his objections to the House in which it originated, who shall enter the objections at large upon their journal and proceed to reconsider it. I have therefore risen at this time to move that the Senate will to-morrow at 12 o'clock, proceed to reconsider the Bill from the President. In the mean time I move that the Bill be laid upon the table, and that the Message accompanying it be printed.

Mr. King moved the printing of 6000 extra copies of the message, which was ordered.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. Rives, then went into Executive session.

HOUSE.—Mr. Hopkins offered a resolution that the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing a Bill authorizing the Post Master General to establish expresses mails along the great lines of steamboat and railroad communications, in cases where he is not able to make contracts to have the mails transported on old routes by railroad or steamboat, for the rate of compensation provided by law.

The Texas bill which was under consideration on Friday, was next considered. The bill finally passed and was sent to the Senate.

The discussion was then resumed upon the Bankrupt Bill, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and reported, but came to no conclusion.

The discussion in committee was conducted by four members only, all of whom spoke very briefly upon the Bill.

The discussion upon the Bill was closed in a speech of an hour by Mr. Howard, the new member from Michigan.

Mr. Barnard of N. Y. moved that the Committee rise. Carried 79 to 59.

Mr. Botts presented the accounts of the Marshal of the District of Columbia, who attended at the request of the Heads of Departments the burial service of the late President, to the end that an appropriation might be made. The accounts were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Fillmore of N. Y. presented a paper from the Secretary of the Navy also, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, giving an account of the expense of bringing the statue of Washington to the Navy Yard for freight, and also of demurrage on account of the detention of the ship on which the said statue was freighted.

The Private Secretary of the President brought information to the House, that the President had signed the Naval Pension Bill.

The House adjourned soon after two o'clock—there being neither the disposition nor ability to do business after the reception of the President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17, 1841.

The mail contractors may now rest in peace, for a bill was reported this morning making appropriations for the Post Office Department to extricate it from existing difficulties. It was twice read and committed.

The Bankrupt Bill, on motion of Mr. Underwood, of Kentucky, was laid on the table by a vote of yeas 110—nays 97.

Nothing else was done by the House after this, and amidst a general buzz of surprise, an adjournment took place.

In the Senate the seats in both galleries were occupied by a dense mass anxious to hear what was to be said about the Bank bill.

After some talk about the British movements in the Oregon Territory, and the necessity of moving them out, the hour of twelve arrived.

Here a general whisper was heard, of "I wonder who will speak first on the Bank bill!"—Mr. Clay, I suppose.

But to the disappointment of all, its consideration was again postponed until to-morrow.

The bill providing for a distribution of the proceeds from the Public Lands, was next taken up as the order of the day.

General News.

THE CITY.—To convey an idea of the rapid growth of Cincinnati to a stranger is an impossibility. One must be upon the spot, and see with his own eyes, the building springing into existence—the piles of brick and timber,—and hear for himself the noise of hammers and the clack of trowels. The number of houses erected this year will range between twelve and fifteen hundred, and that too among premises to be decidedly improved. The exterior of buildings now going up is more elegant than formerly,—the interior every way more convenient. The mechanics are owners of the greater part, and they are practically conversant with the best method of combining elegance with utility.

BISHOP RESSE AT LIBERTY.—The following article is from the Catholic Herald of Thursday week. The information in regard to Bishop Resse will allay any excitement raised on account of his reported imprisonment.

Two Italian missionaries, Rev. Mr. Tavelli, for the diocese of Nashville, and the Rev. Father Pinzer, of the order of preachers, for the diocese of Cincinnati, have just arrived from Leghorn in our port. Rev. Mr. Tavelli left Rome in the middle of May, and saw Bishop Resse in the street a few days before his departure. The Bishop had been all along in the employment of perfect liberty.

ACCIDENT.—On Sunday evening, a young man very genteely dressed, and supposed to be one of the junior officers of the North Carolina, was drowned by falling from one of the Hoboken Ferry Boats. The deceased was sitting upon the bow of the boat, which was very much crowded, when owing to some cause not explained, he fell overboard and passed alongside of the boat, so that one of the wheels must have struck him, as it caused instant death, as he was not seen afterwards. The body has not been recovered.

THE ACADIA left Boston on Monday afternoon last—among her passengers is Donald McLeod, Esq., who goes out as the bearer of despatches to our Minister, at the Court of St. James. She also carries out 58 passengers, 29 of whom will stop at Halifax, and others will be taken on board at that port. Her mail bags contain 7000 letters and the usual quantity of newspapers. She takes upwards of $100,000 in specie.

MINERALIZED TIMBER.—A Committee of the House of Representatives have recommended that the timber to be used in the construction of a new bridge over the Potomac, between Georgetown and Washington, be subjected to the mineralizing process invented by Dr. Edward Earle, of this city.

MORMONS.—Large numbers of Mormons are now on their way to the settlement in Hancock county, Illinois. A large number from Europe recently arrived there, and more are expected. The settlement is said to contain between ten and fifteen thousand inhabitants.

WASHINGTON IRVING is said to be seriously ill, at his cottage, near Tarrytown. A counting billions fever, brought on by fatigue and exposure in a recent excursion to the coal region of Pennsylvania, is said to be the nature of his malady.

RUNAWAYS.—Captain Hutter, who was drummed from the Army for his disobedience of orders, has been re-instated by the President—a satisfactory explanation having been given by him.

NATAL.—The "Congress" frigate, launched the other day at Portsmouth, N. H is to carry forty-four guns, and is said to be a splendid model of naval architecture.

THE UNIVERSITIES OF RUSSIA.—At the close of the last year, the principal Universities of Russia contained 2300 students, and the libraries 282,290 volumes.

APPEAL AT HALIFAX.—A serious affray occurred at the Halifax Garrison Races on the 28th ult. between the military and the sailors of H. M. S. Winchester.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN TEXAS is now in hand. The candidates are Gen. Houston and Judge Burnett and the contest is expected to be close.

CRIME IN NEW YORK.—The New York Courier says— We may with truth say, that there is an increasing dissatisfaction in the public mind at the inefficiency of the means used in this city, to detect crime, as well as in the administration of the law that should punish it. But a twelvemonth since, a youth was murdered in mid-day, in a neighboring city, and the murderer is yet undiscovered. A few days ago a helpless female became the victim of some atrocious wretch; and little more of the horrid deed is known than that it was committed. Robberies of an enormous magnitude are planned here and hushed up—the thieves first securing to themselves a part of the plunder. Criminals even when convicted, somehow or other too often escape the punishment the law awarded to their crime and on the whole, the citizen no longer feels that security in his person or property, which it is the first duty of government to afford, and which is necessary to the well-being of society."

BURYING THE HATCHET.—The SUN and FOXES have been reconciled. The Burlington (W. T.) Hawk Eye and Gem gives the following letter from the agent—

SAC AND FOX AGENCY, JULY 24, 1841.

Dear Friend—The Sacs and Foxes had a Council here yesterday, and finally made a friendly arrangement of their long standing difficulties, apparently satisfactory to all parties. There can now be no obstacle to their receiving their money, holding a treaty, &c. This reconciliation is very properly attributed to the impression made upon them by Governor Chambers, at the Council he held with them. In fact, the speakers, on each side, alluded to him, his disinterested manner, and friendly advice, as the great cause of their becoming again one people.

I am, with much esteem, Yours,

J. BEACH.

J. G. EDWARDS, Esq.

ATTEMPT TO POISON.—A man, named John Scott, sometimes called John Shirley, has been committed to prison, at Albany, for an attempt to murder, by poison, Alexander Stewart. Stewart was acquainted with Scott in the management or co-partnership of a three legged bull, which they were about to take to the South on a speculation tour of exhibition. Scott, it is supposed, for the purpose of becoming the sole proprietor, put arsenic into gin, and gave to Stewart, who partook twice of the drink in sufficient quantity, it is thought, to result ultimately in his death, though out of immediate danger. An individual, named B. Franklin, is also implicated.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS.—On the 4th a fire occurred at New Orleans in the drug store of Louis Massey, which destroyed six four story stores before it was subdued, with their mature contents. The losses of the occupants were P. L. Massey, Taylor, Gardiner & Co., Andrews & Brothers, J. E. Woodruff, Wm. M. Beall, Kirkman, Abernathy & Hanna, Quarles, Spring & Co., Barrett & Lepage, and C. Dufour. The property was owned by L. Brittor, Shield, C. Morgan, and C. A Jacobs, and is presumed to be fully insured. The loss is probably about $100,000—mostly insured.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.—A young man named Perris was killed in Courtland, Ala. a short time since, in an affray with Mr. J. Swoope, of that place. Perris had become bail for his brother, who was charged with robbing Swoope, and having heard that Swoope had made some offensive remarks, sought a meeting for the purpose of caning him. Pistols were drawn, and after Perris had discharged two without effect, Swoope shot him through the heart.

A DIFFICULTY.—Count Bennet, a Spanish nobleman, and his family came passengers from Trinidad de Cuba in the bark Ellen, for Baltimore, which arrived here a few days ago for water. The Count having with him five slaves, (his domestic servants,) had some difficulty with the civil authorities at Norfolk; the bringing of such persons into Virginia being prohibited by law under severe penalties; but giving the requisite bonds, the servants were released.

AFFAIR OF HONOR.—An affair of honor between two French gentlemen, who moved in the fashionable French circles in New York, was recently presented to them (the place of duelling, of course, being a friend,) for the coolness of some hasty showers of rain. A few days ago they set out for Montreal, consigned to a British officer "market per margin," with a request that he should see the matter settled, according to the code of honor.

BOSTON ATHENÆUM.—Several paintings of much merit have just arrived from Europe, and have been placed in the gallery of the Athenæum. Among them was a splendid one by Sagan, called "Christ Parting with the Doctors," and a painting by Guercino of the "Raising of Lazarus," which formerly belonged to the convent of Capuchin Nuns at Toledo.

FIRE AND CASUALTY AT PATERSON, N. J.—Mr. Nightingale, of Watson Street, informs us that on Friday morning. One of the immense rag boilers of the Passaic Paper Mills, owned by H. V. Butler, burst on Saturday morning with a tremendous explosion, carrying the whole upon the roof of the building. Several persons were badly scalded—none fatally.

LATE FROM BERMUDA.—By an arrival at New York, on Monday night, of the Charles Hazeltine, Bermuda papers to the 10th inst. were received. Barbadoes and Saint Vincent papers had been received there. The contents are unimportant. A hurricane visited the Barbadoes was convoked on the 7th July, by His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Darling.

STAMMERING CURED.—A singular cure for stammering was effected on a lad named James Abbott, in New York, on Saturday. The operation passed through the base of his tongue, when, after rinsing his mouth, he spoke with the utmost freedom immediately. Before the operation, he could not pronounce two words without stammering.

ARRIVAL.—M. Badiaca, the Russian Minister, the most faithful and intelligent of foreign ambassadors, arrived at New York on Monday. His Excellency will not leave the city until the Russian steam frigate Kamchatka, in which he takes passage, is beyond the Narrows.

WHEAT CROP IN NEW YORK.—The Genesseee Farmer, says that the Wheat crop of western New York, like that of Ohio, will fall below an average in quantity, though fine in quality. The weather has been fine for harvesting, and the crop is mostly secured in good order.

TOBACCO.—There was inspected in Baltimore last week 904 hhds. of tobacco; of which 638 were from Maryland, 280 from Ohio, 59 from Virginia, and seven stems.

MULTIPLICATION.—A Mrs. Bennett, of Lincoln, Canada, opposite Buffalo, presented her husband, on Saturday at a birth, being this lady's second exploit of the kind.

FATAL FALL.—A lad named John Garson, fell from the fourth story through the hatchway of a store, in New York, on Monday, and was killed.

DROWNED.—Mr. Green fell from the steamer Reliet, below Baltimore, on Monday, and was drowned.

City News.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.—From the Second Annual Announcement of the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, we learn that the Institution is in a highly prosperous condition. The number of the Bankrupt Bill commenced on the first session. The class of students is 108. The graduates for the present year were 41. The following gentlemen compose the Medical Faculty.—Samuel G. Morton, M. D., Professor of Anatomy; Hugh L. Hodge, M. D., Professor of Midwifery; Geo. McClellan, M. D., Professor of Surgery; Wm. Rush, M. D., Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine; R. E. Rogers, M. D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine and Materia Medica; Samuel McClellan, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children; Walter K. Johnson, A. M., Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy.

BRUTAL CRIME.—On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Sarah Reubert, of Kensington, was brought before Alderman Hodson, charged with cruelly and unmercifully beating a small bound girl, named M. Frances Perrier. Several witnesses were examined, who testified to the bad treatment the child received. The person of the child exhibited undeniable evidence of the fact in being severely bruised from her head to her feet. Mrs. R. was bound over in $100 to answer for the assault and battery, and the child handed over to some person to be taken care of for the present. The same charge of cruelty to this child was made some months ago before Alderman Christian, but was settled, and the child continued with Mrs. R. up to the time.

DISCHARGED.—Wilkinson, charged with having burglariously entered the jewelry store of Mr. Lescure, in this city, was discharged on Saturday morning by Judge Randall, of the Court of Common Pleas, there being no evidence has been mentioned to the contrary. From a note which was read in open court, we inferred that the prosecution itself was satisfied that the charge alleged against him could no longer be sustained. We are told that he will probably be finally discharged in the course of a few days. It seems that he is considered to a certain extent, by the Massachusetts authorities, as a "state's evidence," and will, therefore, not be detained long.

UNITED STATES BANK.—We understand that the Directors of the United States Bank have appointed Samuel Jaudon, Esq., to proceed to England, and act as agent for that institution. We did not learn whether the agency was general or special. The great amount of American stocks in England, held from the Bank as collateral security, renders necessary the presence of some well informed agent to represent the interests of the Bank, and to explain the true character of the various stocks.

DISGRACEFUL.—At a temperance meeting held by the members of the Jefferson Society, on Monday night, at the Six Points, Spring Garden, the most disgraceful scenes were enacted by a party of rowdies. They first attempted to drive a horse through the crowd, and then pelted the speakers with rotten eggs. They finally succeeded in breaking up the meeting by a call for George Munday.

NEW RAILROAD.—It is in contemplation to construct a railroad from Troy to Greenbush, to intersect the Albany and West Stockbridge railroad. A public meeting is to be held at Troy on this subject. More great for the Bostonians.

HOUSEBREAKER.—A mad dog was killed on Tuesday morning, in the neighborhood of Schuylkill Second and Vine streets. The animal belonged to a watchman. Several other dogs were bitten by it before it was despatched.

EXPRESSES, with the Veto Message, left this city at midnight on Monday, for New York, after the arrival of the Baltimore Boat. One went by horses, and the other with a Locomotive. Horse-speed must yield to steam.

THE HOME SQUADRON.—The shipwrights of Kensington have very appropriately conferred the name upon upwards of two hundred canal boats, which are at present being built in that district.

THE BODDLE SUIT.—This matter is now at issue. The defendant's counsel on Tuesday filed three pleas in the office of the Prothonotary of the District Court.

Our Mail Receipts.

We are daily in the receipt of letters enclosing money with the request to return a receipt by mail. We do not send receipts in that way. Every dollar received by mail, for the Post, is acknowledged as below. Subscribers will please notice this.

Subscribers living in the vicinity of a Post Master can call upon him and have their letters containing money *franked*, if the letter contains nothing but what relates to the business of the office. Many hundred dollars might be saved us, if attention was generally paid to this matter.

Receipts for the S. E. Post from the 23d July to the 4th August.

August 5, received from.

C Parks.	$8 00	W G. Mitchell.	1 00
J Cooper.	1 25	J C Moffit.	2 00
V. M. Long.	2 00	M W Hilers.	2 00
W S Vail.	2 00	P W Shaw.	2 00
A. Graham.	2 00	H Hunn.	2 00
T Shore.	5 00	R H Thayer.	2 00
G W Rogers.	5 00	J S Walton. Esq	15 00
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N. O. Fay.	5 00	L Pitch.	2 00
D S Watts.	3 00	G C Clinton.	5 00
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J Brown.	2 00	J Barnett.	2 00
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G Moore.	1 00	Jane Penn.	2 00
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W Murray.	2 00	R M Barber.	2 00
J Herbert.	2 00	J J Boynton, Esq	15 00
A Elder.	6 00	W Dickson	5 00
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J Lothers.	2 00	C Montgomery.	1 00
F Webster.	5 00	W G. Hewitt.	2 00
S S. Jackson.	3 00	J Linton.	2 00
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J V Bassett.	2 00	M Ronsaville.	2 00
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R Peaike.	2 00	R S Ford.	2 00
J Ross.	2 00	W Tree.	5 00
J G Thomas.	2 00	L A Thomas.	2 00
J Neff.	2 00	J Stephenson.	2 00
J Ambler.	2 00	S Graham.	2 00
J Fenner.	2 00	J H Wolfe.	1 00
Wm Taylor.	2 00	G Kent.	2 00
W Hollingsworth.	2 00	M J Hays.	3 00
E. Safford.	6 00	C P Avery, Esq	10 00
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August 11

H M Lewis, per I. V. James.	96 25	J M Laury, Esq	12 00
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J Miller.	2 00	Jas H Alter, Esq	20 00
J M Wright, Esq	15 00	J Wright, Esq	15 00
J M Stout.	2 00	M Stout.	2 00
A L Reinhard.	3 00	Mrs. Margaret Schorne, in the 81st year of her age	2 00
W Frazier.	2 00	Mr. Michael Shoemaker, in the 84th year of his age	2 00
J C Bullock.	2 00	Mr. Andrew Lee, son of Thos. M. Willing	2 00
H R Cunningham.	5 00	Mr. Joseph Lee, aged 18 years, son of Lewis H. and Esther Ann H. Wolfand.	2 00
F B. Wright	2 00	In Kensington, Mr. Jacob Baker, Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Maryland.	2 00
T Pondin.	2 50	Mr. Jacob Baker, aged 34 years, a native of Shewsbury, Mass.	2 00
W. I. Hague.	2 00	In this city, at his residence in the city of N York Major William Sun, an officer of the Army of the Revolution, and President of the New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati, aged 82 years.	2 00
F Wilson.	2 00	At Elizabethtown, N Y on the 1st inst Mr. David Williams, in his 84th year.	2 00
S Sala.	1 00	On the 12th inst, Elizabeth Sutherd, in the 61st year of her age.	2 00
A Jones.	2 00	On the 12th inst Elizabeth E Simpson, aged 11 weeks and 1 day.	2 00
J Cheslow.	2 00	On the 11th inst Adeline Strasburg, in the 20 year of her age.	2 00
J. H Allen, agt	40 00	On the 7th of April last, on board H M. ship Electra, Col. James Dickson, on his passage from Valparaiso to Callao.	2 00
Wm. M Authers.	8 00	On the 14th inst Sarah Hands, wife of Wm. Hands, in the 23d year of her age.	2 00
R F Roth.	2 00	On the 14th inst after a lingering illness, Miss Jane M Williams.	2 00
Amos Hoover.	2 00	On the 15th inst Mr. John Kelsey, aged 74 years.	2 00
T Mabery.	2 00	On the 11th inst, John W Ewing, son of the late Wm Ewing, aged 1 year, 11 months and 17 days.	2 00
F Shoemaker.	2 00	On the 10th instant, Sarah Hance wife of Wm Handy, aged 23 years.	2 00
J B. Willmer.	2 00	On the 10th instant, Walter Allison, son of John and Caroline E. Cooper.	2 00
W F Beach.	2 00	On the 12th inst. at the residence of his uncle, Thomas Elliott, Joseph Arnoldale. Chester county, John M. Ellicott, aged 20 years.	2 00
E C Bruce.	2 00	In Lebanon County, on the 31st ult Nancy Auer, aged 18 years, consort of Benjamin Auer, formerly of this city, and daughter of Major John McCune, of Ky.	2 00
J Linton.	2 00	At Cabin Dale, near Lexington, Ky. on the 5th instant, the Rev. Dr. John Breckenridge, aged 44 years, son of the late Hon. John Breckenridge, and for the last twenty years, a prominent throughout the United States as a most laborious minister of the Gospel.	2 00
G. C Chubrore.	2 00	In Frederick county, Md. on the 26th ult Major George Chenam, a revolutionary soldier, aged 80 years.	2 00
J Tyson.	2 00	In Mercinne county, N. H. Epphrain Morrill, in the 101st year of his age.	2 00
G Searles.	2 00		
J Simpson.	5 00		
S Frazer.	2 00		
J Buswell.	5 00		
J W Jackson.	2 00		
J N Ward, Esq	10 00		
E Curtis.	2 00		
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August 12

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Jas Rudolph.	2 00	J Walsh.	2 00
Jas Shreeve.	2 00	F Luff.	5 37½
Jas Brooks.	2 00	J C Yeck	2 00
C A Lecke.	5 00	G J. Beall.	2 00
T Duvall.	5 00	J C Carpenter, Esq	10 00
J A Douglas.	2 00	Y R Dunn.	6 00
J Pearce, Esq	10 00	A McMinn.	3 00
A Willetts.	2 00	R S Mason.	2 00
P Hunt.	2 00	J R Coulter, Esq	20 00
J Truce.	2 00	J Steele.	2 00

August 14

H H Painter.	2 00	S T Johns.	2 00
J Fell.	4 00	M J Vinent.

THE OLIO.

Variety's the spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor.

From the London Athenæum

The French Army at Cuernak.

It is where Cernak's temples stood,
Lit by the early dawn—
But from their depth of solitude
Even Mennon's voice was gone;
For Time had hushed his lyre at last,
Though still in marble pride
Far was his lonely shadow cast
Upon the desert side.

Then came a sound on that still air
Like some far rushing stream,
As with their conquering eagles there
The Gallic legions came;
They came where Time had lost its power
To waste on Thebes walls,
But hung the hush of ages o'er
Her long forsaken halls.

And like deep voices from the Past,
The ancient echoes woke,
As, all at once, the conqueror bust
Their joy and wonder spoke.
There were the young, the brave, the wise,
A nation's gathered sight;
But well might every heart rejoice
To see the glorious sight.

Is case brief moment all forgot
Their onward path of war,
Or, it might be, remembered not
The land of vines afar?
For long that silent city's dome
Had o'er the nation's shame—
How would she rise upon their dreams,
For ever vast and lone!

And what were they deep thoughts that hour,
Chief of those warrior men!
Were they of some ancient temple's dome,
Or of the desert then!
Or did old Thebes upon the earth
The mightiest desolate,
In her dim silence shadow forth
Thy far and future fate!

None—none can tell. But morning light
A wonderous splendor shed,
Around that host of banners bright
And City of the Dead;
But they left her by the lonely Nile
Where kneels the Afric day
And the glory of the desert still
She stands—but where are they?

A Mystery Solved.

Why the eyes of a portrait, which look directly at a spectator in front, do so also in any other position, has remained without an explanation until lately. Dr Wollaston after considering the matter, observes, when two objects are seen on the ground at different distances from us, in the same direction, one appears, and must be represented to a picture, as exactly above the other, so that a vertical plane from the eye, would pass through them; and since each line of the lower object comes nearer we more on one side, it follows that the same objects will still seem to be in a line with us, exactly as on the front view—seeming, as we move, to turn in the same direction. In portraits the permanence of direction, with reference to the spectator, depends on the same principles. So the nose, drawn in front with its central line upright, continues directed to the spectator, though viewed obliquely; or, if the right side of the nose is represented, it must appear directed to the right of the spectator, in all situations.

INFIDELITY.—Men are never infidels for the sake of infidelity. Infidelity—I use not the term reproachfully—has no charms of its own. There is no charm in looking around on our fellow men as mere plants that spring up in the morning—wither and die *ere it is night*. It is not pleasant to look up into the heavens, and see no spirit shining there—over the rich and flowering earth, and see no spirit blooming there—abroad upon a world of mute, dead matter, and somewhere—alone. It is not pleasant to look upon the heavens as disperpled of the gods, and the earth of men, to feel ourselves in the centre of a universal blank, with no soul to love, no spirit with to commune. I know well what is that sense of loneliness which comes over the sincere believer, the desolateness of soul under which he is oppressed, but I will not attempt to describe it. Impossible.

TOUGH CARGOES.—The reporter of the Boston Post tells the following story of a serene loper who was in the habit of coming home late at night and taking a cold bite, which his kind and forgiving wife used to set out on the table for him:—One night, beside the usual dish of cabbage and pork, she left a wash-bowl filled with caps in starch. The lamp had long been extinguished when the staggering set returned home, and by mistake, when proceeding to satisfy his hunger, he stuck his fork into the wrong dish. He worked away at his mouthful of caps very patiently for some time; but finally, being unable to masticate them, he sang out to his wife—"Old woman where did you get your cabbages? they are so confounded strangy, I can't chew them!" "My gracious," replied the good lady, "if the stupid feller ant eating up all my caps that I put in starch over night."

ROMANTIC INCIDENT.—A recent visiter in Paris describes the monument of a lady in the cemetery Pere la Chaise, concerning which there is quite a romantic legend. Her husband had a pillar erected above her remains that he might see it from his chamber window: trees grew round about and obstructed his view; he then caused a tunnel, so that no object might intervene between the guiding star of his desolation and his mourning gaze. Finally his sight became dimmed by age, and the monument in his early love (which was dearer to him than "any heart of living mould") faded from him as a vision. He then surrounded it with a gold cross that glittered in the sunbeam, and the dying gaze of the old man rested upon the beacon-light, and his last sigh was wafted by the breath of cypress as a rich incense to the shrine of his devotion.

QUITE LITERARY.—The Boston Post published the following very explicit notice, and gives it a place in the editorial columns, on account of its literary merit.

This is to forbid the public, to trust my daughter Joan nothing on my accounts, as I will not pay not anything for her. T. CHRISTMAN.

Mr. Christman is a ripe scholar, but the annexed quite a prize essay in comparison with his caution.

Lost a shovel between the hi rode and the tavern withe my name on it. Eny parcen finden the shovel shall be suitable rewarded by leven it at my house. ARTHUMERY PRATT.

Verily, the "Schoolmaster" must have been "abroad" when those gentlemen received their "edification."

Epitaph on a Kitten.

Requiescat in pace

Here lies, by death untimed,
A hapless young kitten,
To mouldier away in the dust
Oh, sad is lost image.
It might have been younger,
And died some but older we trust.
Had it grown up to cat hood,
Then many a rat would
Have mourned as the deepest of woe
Let the curtain be drawn too,
We hope it lie gone to
That land to which other cats go.

A NEW NAME FOR DIMONIO.—"What you doin' dar, Pete?—diggin' dat?" said Sam Johnson to his much-suspected friend, Pete Gumbo, yesterday, who was making certain geological excavations, or, commonly speaking, cutting a trench in his master's garden, as a channel for carrying off the water in winter.

"Look hes, Sam," said Pete; "I knows as how white folks calls you brack, but I calls you *greens, myself*:—Yaw! yaw! yaw!"

"De *is* diggin' in de vulgar 'cepteation ob de term. I'hav, but I calls it *'ectopsis' de nat'ral resources ob de country!*"

PROMOTION OF LUNACY.—A man was arrested in New Orleans the other day under the following circumstances: He committed several acts in the early part of the day which showed him to be labouring under an aberration of mind. The police kept an eye on him, and finding that about noon he went to the Parish Court and made application for a marriage license, their doubts became confirmed, for they concluded that no stranger proof of his insanity could be adduced than this act.

A FACT.—Mr. Brown, I wish you'd sew up my trousers, as they won't keep coming down; the boys keep plugging me."

"Why don't you get your mother to do it for you, Jemmy?"

"O cut she can't; she's gone to the Sewing Circle."

A CIVIL LUNATIC.—To see a man, on the Fourth of July, boasting of his freedom, celebrating the birth-day of his independence, and yet know him to be debased and brutalized by ignorance, with fetters on his soul and a padlock on his lips, is to have before us, what is too often seen, a *civil lunatic*.

A CLEAR EXPOSITION.—"Are you the respondent judge?" "Ah, that's what I wanted. My father died detested and left five infant scorpions, I am the chief. I've come to take out some alphabet letters of confiscation, to diminish the state as soon as possible."

BOTH PLEASE A GOOSE.—A gentleman calling on a witty British Consul on a rainy evening, complained that his shoes had admitted the water, "I am surprised, sir," said the representative of his majesty, "that your shoes should be leaky when you had *both* pumps *against* it."

GENIUS.—There is a young lad down east who learns so rapidly, that he friends have to keep pouring water on his head, to prevent him from catching fire.

Mickey Free's Scrape.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "HARRY LORREQUER."

Except the light division, which, under the command of Crawford, were posted upon the right of the Aguada, the whole of our army occupied the country from El Bodon to Gallegos; the fourth division being stationed at Fuente Guenaldo, where some entrenchments had been hastily thrown up.

To this position Lord Wellington resolved upon retreating, as affording points of greater strength and more capability of defence than the other line of road, which led to Almeida upon the Coa. Of the enemy's intentions we were not long to remain in doubt; for, on the morning of the 24th, a strong body were seen descending from the pass above Ciudad Rodrigo, and cautiously reconnoitring the banks of the Aguada. Far in the distance a countless train of wagons, bullock-cars, and loaded mules were seen winding their slow length along, accompanied by several squadrons of dragoons.

Their progress was slow, but, as evening fell, they entered the gates of the fortress, and the clearing of the garrison mixing with the strains of martial music, faint from distance, reached us where we lay upon the far-off heights of El Boden. So long as the light lasted, we could perceive fresh troops arriving; and even when the darkness came on, we could detect the position of the re-inforcing columns, by the bright watch-fires that gleamed along the plain.

By daybreak we were under arms, anxiously watching for the intentions of the enemy, which soon became no longer dubious. Twenty-five regiments of cavalry, supported by a whole division of infantry, were seen to defile along the great road from Ciudad Rodrigo, to Gurenaldo. Another column equally numerous marched upon Espeja; nothing could be more beautiful, nothing more martial than their appearance; emerging from a close mountain-gorge, they wound along the narrow road, and appeared upon the bridge of the Aguada, just as the morning sun was bursting forth; his bright beams tipping the polished cuirassiers and their glittering equipments, they shone in their panoply like the gay troop of some ancient tournament. The lancers of Berg, distinguished by their scarlet dolmans and gorgeous trappings, were followed by the guard, who again were succeeded by the *chasseurs à cheval*, their bright steel helmets and light blue uniforms, their floating plumes and dappled charges, looking the very *beau ideal* of light horsemen; behind, the dark masses of the infantry pressed forward, and deployed into the plain; while bringing up the rear, the rolling din, like distant thunder, announced the "dread artillery."

On they came, the seemingly interminable line converging on to that one spot upon whose summit now we assembled a force of scarcely ten thousand bayonets.

While this brilliant panorama was passing before our eyes, we ourselves were not idle. Orders had been sent to Picton to cease up from the left with his division. Alten's cavalry, and a brigade of artillery were sent to the front, and every preparation, which the nature of the ground admitted, was made to receive the enemy in the best order. While these movements on either side occupied some hours, the scene was every moment increasing in interest. The large body of cavalry was now seen forming into columns of attack. Nine battalions of infantry moved up to their support, and, formed into columns, echelions, and squares, performed before us all the manœuvres of a review with the most admirable precision and rapidity; but from these our attention was soon taken by a brilliant display upon our left. Here emerging from the wood which flanked the Aguada, were now to be seen the gorgeous staff of Marmont himself. Advancing at a walk, they came forward amid the vivas of the assembled thousands burning with ardor and thirsting for victory. For a moment, as I looked, I could detect the marshal himself, as holding his plumed hat above his head, he returned the salute of a lancer regiment who proudly waved their banners as he passed; but, hark! what are those clangorous sounds which rising high above the rest, seem like the war-cry of a warrior?

"I can't mistake those tones," said a bronzed old veteran beside me. "They are the brass bands of the imperial guard. Can Napoleon be there? see there they come." As he spoke, the head of a column emerged from the wood, and, deploying as they came, poured into the plain. For above an hour that mighty tide flowed on, and, before noon, a force of sixty thousand men was collected in the space beneath us.

I was not long to remain an unoccupied spectator of this brilliant display; for I was ordered orders to move down with my squadron to the support of the eleventh light dragoons, who were posted at the base of the hill. The order at the moment was any thing but agreeable, for I was mounted upon a hack pony, on which I had ridden over from Crawford's division early in the morning, and, suspecting there might be some hot work during the day, had ordered Mike to follow with my horse. There was no time, however, for hesitation, and I moved my men down the slope in the direction of the skirmishers.

The position we occupied was singularly favorable: our flanks defended on either side by brushwood, we could only be assailed in front; and here, notwithstanding our vast inferiority of force, we steadily awaited the attack. As I rode from out the brush wood—could not help feeling surprised the sounds which greeted me. Instead of the usual low and murmuring tones—the muttered sentences which precede a cavalry advance—a roar of laughter shook the entire division, which exclaimed burst from every side around me—"Look at him now!"—"they have him!—by heavens they have him!" "Well done!—well done!" "How the rogue rides!" "He's he pulls—he's he pulls!" "No, no!" "Is he down!" "He's down!"

A loud cheer rent the air at this moment, and I reached the front in time to learn the reason of all this excitement. As the plain lower one a horseman was seen, having passed the ford of the Aguada, to advance at the top of his speed toward the British lines. As he came nearer, it was perceived that he was accompanied by a led horse, and apparently with the dignity of the personage of an enemy, rode boldly and carelessly forward; behind him rode three lancers, their lances couched, their horses at full speed; the pace was tremendous, and the excitement undoubtedly great, for as the leading horseman of the pursuit neared the fugitive, he would bend suddenly upon his saddle and, swerving to the right or left, totally evade him, while again, at others, with a loud cry of defiance, rising in his stirrups, he would press on, and, with a shake of his bridle that bespoke the jockey, almost distance the enemy.

"That must be your fellow, Tom O'Malley; that must be your Irish groom," cried a brother officer. There could be no doubt of it. It was Mike himself.

"I'll be hanged if he's not playing with them," said Blake. "Look at them villains! he's holding in that's more than the French know how to do. Look, look at the fellow on the gray horse he has flung his trumpet to his back, and drawn his sabre."

A loud cheer burst from the French lines: the trumpeter was gaining at every stride. Mike had got into deep ground, and the horses would not keep together. "Let the brown horse go! let him go, man!" shouted the dragoons, while I re-echoed the cry with my utmost might. But not so. Mike held firmly on, and, spurring madly, he lifted his horse at each stride, turning, from time to time, a glance at his pursuer. A shout of triumph rose from the French side: the trumpeter was beside him, his arm was uplifted, the sabre above his head. A yell broke from the British, and with difficulty could the squadron be restrained. For above a minute the horses went side by side, but the Frenchman delayed his stroke until he could get a little in the front. My excitement had rendered the spectacle, if a word could have saved my poor fellow, I could not have spoken. A mist seemed to gather across my eyes, and the whole plain, and its peopled thousands, danced before my eyes.

"He's down!" "He's down!" by heavens!" "No! no!" "Look there—nobly done!" "Gallant fellow!" "He has him!—he has him, by ——" A cheer that rent the very air above us broke from the squadrons, and Mike galloped in among us, holding the Frenchman by the throat with one hand the bridle of his horse he firmly grasped with his teeth in the other.

"How was it? How did he do it?" cried I.

"He broke his sword-arm with a blow, and the Frenchman's sabre fell to the earth."

"Here he is, Mother Chartey; and mashes, but it's trouble he gave me to catch him! and I hope your honor won't be displeased at me losing the brown horse. I was obliged to let him go when the th ell closed on me; but sure there he is: may I never—! if he's not galloping into the lines by himself!" As he spoke, my brown charge came cantering up to the squadrons, and took his place in the line with the rest.

Nature's Music.

The mountain torrent, and the rill
That bubbles o'er its pebbly bed
Make music which can soothe and still
The aching heart and weary head
For nature's simple minstrelsy
Produces a thousand charms for me
The rustling gale that autumn brings,
The lisping of the summer breeze,
And nature's solemn murmurings,
Have such a sovereign power to please
And minister untold delight
To fancy in her fragrant flight.
When midnight tempests loudly sing,
And from their cave thunders on high
Around the moon's faint glimmering
The stars are watching tremblingly.
A calm amidst the storm I find,
And quiet in the wailing wind.

Paying a Debt.

The Baltimore Sun tells a pretty fair story. Said an old gentleman the other day, "I have been forty-seven years in business, and can say what few can after such experience—in all that time, my friend, I never disappointed but one single creditor."—"Bless me, what an example for our young mercantile community," repeated the person addressed; "what a pity that *one* time occurred—how was it?" "Why," responded the old gentleman, "I paid the debt when it became due, and I never saw a man so much astonished in my life as that creditor was. It's a wonder it did not throw him into convulsions—for my part I didn't get over it for three weeks."

Epitaph on a Miser.

Here lies a miser who died
Because he could not live
Upon the interest of his money.

Count Real.

Napoleon always wished to have the functionaries of his government clean at hand. He disliked to have long to wait on his pleasure, or, in his presence, and was was ill-tempered and fidgety if he had to wait. After transacting an immense quantity of business with Count Real, he said to him one day:

"Real, have you got a country seat?"

"Yes, sire, I have a delightful spot about five leagues from Paris."

"It is too far off; I may have occasion for you on some emergency, and it is no joke to have to go or send five leagues in search of you. You must purchase another."

"I cannot afford it, without first selling my present one."

"I do not ask you to sell your villa, but to buy a new one. We must make things convenient and compatible. I can easily understand that, after dealing whole days in business, you want quiet and fresh air; but you must go and breathe it at one league from Paris; when I want you, I can see you in half an hour—go and purchase another estate."

"But, sire, I cannot buy without money."

"Are not your allowances sufficiently ample?"

"I am not economical, and I make a point of expending what I receive from your majesty's bounty."

"Well, well—arrange it as you please—but an other estate you must buy."

M. Real was at the Tuileries the next day.

"Sire, whenever you found a new, convenient villa that you can purchase."

"Pluto is up in a jiffy, please your majesty, of estates to be bought; all that's wanted is the wherewith to buy them."

"Look for it—look for it, there'll be no difficulty."

"I may look, but I'm afraid that I shall not find sellers who will part with their property for nothing."

"Who knows?"

The same evening M. Real received an order for five hundred thousand francs, to be appropriated to the acquisition of a villa. It was on this occasion that he became the proprietor of that lovely little château in the suburb of Boulogne, now occupied by the Baron Rothschild.

"The following beautiful piece of poetry originally appeared in the Louisville Journal. It is from the pen of the gifted Maurice, and was dedicated to the Rev. Dr Fish, late President of the Wesleyan Seminary, Middletown, Conn.

Battle Lament.

BY THE REV. J. N. MAURIS.

Fallen—on Zion's battle hill,
A soldier of renown,
Around in the panoply of God,
In conflict cloven down!
His helmet on, his armour bright,
His chest unhacked with foes—
While round his head there gleamed a light,
His dying hour to close.

Fallen—while cheering with his voice
The sacramental host,
With banners flaming on the air,
Death found him at his post.
In life's high prime the warfare closed,
But not ingloriously;
He fell beyond the outer wall,
And shouted victory!

Fallen—a holy man of God,
An humble school,
A standard bearer of the cross,
Mighty in word and deed—
A master spirit of the age,
A bright and shining star that crowded over
Its fortunes, and whose fortune foreook not till he forsook her star. It was the scene of "high-feasting," gorgeous balls, and costly entertainments, of all which the Duchess de Junot speaks long and lovingly in her pleasant book—it was where the "king of armies" had trod softly, having cast aside the iron spurs of war.

With this irresistible longing upon me, I determined for one day to leave the dandies of Paris to their *jolies tonnoadieres* in the Palais Royal Arcade, and to visit Malmaison before it should be knocked down, to heaven knows who or whom, perhaps to some pestilent city broker, or villainous speculatist in brick and timber. As Malmaison lies but two leagues and a half from Paris, I soon accomplished the intervening space, and about half-past six in the cool of the evening caught sight of the Seine and its rose-bowers. On arriving I at once gained admittance through my auctioneer's admissive note, which I had precautionally procured before starting, and, certainly with heavier heart than gay, entered the shade of Josephine and Napoleon.

Something has so strongly connected these two names together in my imagination, whenever I think of Malmaison, that I seem, in this instance, to have been subjected to some strange ocular deception, or rather mental hallucination. I could not for my life prevent fancying that over every doorlintel, on every furniture-cover and garden-arbor, the initial letters of Josephine and Napoleon, carved by a wreath of lily-flowers, (*fleur de lys*,) as you may have seen them drawn by artists, was visibly inscribed; and when I passed into the ground I fancied I still saw it on the trunk of every tree, and in the cup of every flower, as were those mystic letters of old on the leaves of Apollo's hyacinth. Malmaison! Malmaison! charming shade of her the beautiful, and him the brave! Tranquil at this hour, with groves and shades it seemed filled with that dim, sweet "melancholies" which Sidney loved—although forming a transcript of that delicate Arcadia which the imagination painted. As I walked through the verdant alley which leads to the plain of Rueil, I recalled to memory all the touching incidents which I had treasured in my heart from my earliest reading of the unfortunate wife of the delight I took in those interesting recollections. "Nowhere," says Bourrienne, "except on the field of battle, did I ever see Bonaparte more happy than in the delightful retreat of Malmaison, into a residence would cost 8000 francs, but to live in it would require an income of 30,000 francs.

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Crossing the Line.

The day which introduced us to another hemisphere, was preceded by a night of surpassing loveliness. Undisturbed and quiet as a sleeping infant, the calm and placid ocean lay in beautiful repose;—the very heavens, as if moved by the modulation of sweet sounds, so gentle, as not to impair the reflections of its mirror-like surface.

Above, the blue vault of heaven its canopy—and the stars, watchmen of the night, serving as lesser lamps to the moon, whose brilliancy rendered almost obscured by the superior lustre of the queen of night. All nature hushed in adoration, seemed to listen to the lullaby,—and the tall ship yielding gracefully to the influence, and advancing, completed a perfect scene of peace, serenity and love. Toward morning, a thick mist arose, which, becoming dense, settled down and hooked around the vessel. As the sun came out, remarking his evident delicacy. Some moments after leaving the church, he said, "You must think it strange, sir, that one unknown to you should thus readily accost you; but I am an unfortunate man and sickness have sojourned a heart around which the world once thought a wall of ice was built. My mission is near at hand; may I beg you to accompany me there, and to witness the virtues which I have at home." We entered; when seated I told my name. "What!" exclaimed he, "you the friend of my departed parent!" is this the hand that saved him at the Falls? when did you come to Europe? I have seen my father's eye moisten when your name was mentioned—he thought you dead. I gave him my history, and asked his.

"My mother," said he, "long mourned my departure to a distant land. Never hearing from me, she sickened and died. My father lived to bless my safe return. Amid these scenes there was left me but one ray of hope. It was that the heart whose vows were plighted me in early youth still kept them sacred. I was doomed to disappointment—she had married another. Thus too I could have borne, had I not learned that the accumulated injuries heaped upon her by him who was confirmed where I had hoped to have lived, had bowed her to the dust, leaving to the world-hence's mirthless an only child. I found it—took it to my home; I cherished it as my own. It was a fair girl, whose lovely dawn promised its mother's day—she was beautiful. Four summers had she blossed; but she died.

He pointed to a little grave in his garden. It had recently been made.

The End of Prudence.

The great end of prudence is to give cheerfulness to these hours which plodder cannot gild, and exclamation cannot calibrate. These soft intervals of unbended amusement, in which a man divinks to his natural dimensions, and throws aside the ornaments or disguises which he feels, in privacy, to be useless incumbrances, and he lose all effect when they become familiar. To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends, and of which every desire prompts the prosecution. It is, indeed, at home that every man must be known by those who would make a just estimate of his virtue or felicity; for smiles and cautiously are alike occasional, and the man, as often dressed for show as painted home and fictitious benevolence.

Fresco Painting.

Of all the modes of art made use of by painters, that species of wall-painting called *al Fresco* is the most masterly and beautiful; for by it may be accomplished in a single day, more than can be effected during several by any other method. It was much in use among the ancients, and the *old moderns (i secoli moderni)* also followed it at an early period. It is done by working upon the fresh coatar, so that whatever is commenced must be continued and completed on the same day; because by delaying it ever so little, the mortar forms a slight external crust, upon which moisly spots are thrown out to the destruction of the work. The wall upon which the painter is employed requires to be continually moistened, and the colors must be of an earthy, not of a mineral nature, and the white of burnt tinctine. No style of art demands so resolute and swift a hand, or such a calculating and difficult judgment; because, while the ground continues soft and moist, the colors exhibit an appearance entirely different from that which they present when it is dry. Perfection in this branch of art is of most rare and difficult attainment, and requires an extraordinary degree of practice; for many of our painters who have succeeded wonderfully in oil and tempered colors, have almost entirely failed in Fresco. It is the most manly, the boldest, and most durable of all the modes of painting; and if preserved from violent accidents, and the inclemencies of the weather, so far from decaying through the mere lapse of time, it seems thereby to gain a continued increase of harmony and beauty. It becomes clearer by exposure to the air, defends itself from water, and even withstands the effects of strong percussion. But especial care must be taken to avoid re-touching with colors which contain glue, gum, dragant, or other tempering mixtures, because, besides that they prevent the adhesion of what would they, what should they say, at seeing three—four servants—strong, tall, well-made young men, (for such are selected,) attached to a coach, with coachman and three footmen, two of course perfect supernumeraries! We "moralise the spectacle," too: observe the vacant countenance and flippant air of these men, chained to the circle of half-a-dozen ideas, and end with a laugh at their ludicrous liveries, some in white turned with red, and some in red tured with white. Fancy a man driving with a militia general's hat, feathers and all, with three footmen, one seated beside him and two behind, all with white coats, scarlet plush breeches, white silk stockings, rosettes on their shoes, and gold-headed batons in their white-gloved hands. There must be something "rotten in the state," when God's creatures, "possible angels," as our friend Doctor T. calls all human kind, look up to a station behind a lord's coach as a privileged place. "Possible angels" they may be; but, alas, their path is hedged about with huge improbabilities!

Coming to the cities of the Old World, as we do, with our national vanities thick upon us, with our mode of measurement graduated by Broadway, the City-hall, the Battery and the Boston Common, we are confounded by the extent of London, by its magnificent parks, its immense structures, by its docks and warehouses, and by all its details of convenience and comfort, and the aggregate of incalculable wealth. We begin with comforting ourselves with the thought, "Why, these people have been at it these two thousand years, and Heaven knows how much longer." But gradually we begin to feel our complacency, and we say, "they are our relations;" "our fathers had a hand in it; we are of the same race," "as our new-planned cities and unfinished towers" shall hereafter prove. Mr. Webster said to me after we had both been two or three weeks here, "What is your impression now of London? my feeling is yet amazement."

There are yet ties to be broken before America and Great Britain can become *national*, or, as it used to be said with regard to France, "*natural* enemies."

Moral Education.

There is something above and beyond mere knowledge. The moral man, as well as the intellectual, requires that the schoolmaster be abroad. It is not that learning, with all its thousand benefits, is not necessary to man. After he landed over to the mercies of the spider and the worm, not that the birch, that stern, but beneficent monarch of our childhood, should be ungratefully dethroned and forgotten, but that side by side with the increase of knowledge, the development of thought and of feeling should be made to flourish also. Whatever modicum of knowledge may be given, it should be made to tend towards the conviction that there is something in life worth cultivating, that man—mind which was made to be lifted high, a heart which was given to be pure, lofty and refined. It should be kept before the citizen from his youth upwards that, as he cultivated his mind, the lofty figure of Kings, the wind which is voiceless among the mountain forests, may be noisy and garrulous among the reeds of the valley—so the breath of popular applause may swell and lull, the tide of popular favor may be adverse, fresh and strong, or light and baffling; the wind more or less propelled as on, until we reached the confines of the trade winds, when "gradually sunk into a perfect calm." And yet the surface of the ocean, unmoved by undulation, smooth as a mirror, reflected the black and threatening hull, with its iron teeth protruded, and the tall and taper spars, which shooted with cordage. But there are fierce and fiery in these latitudes, untempered by the wind, scorched with the intensity of his blaze. The pitch liquefied and ran from the seams; the oakum was forced from between the planks, and exuded from the pores of the deck. The very sweepings and offal thrown overboard, floated alongside for several fathoms around the ship; the great reservoir was coaled with the black diamond, and fifth throw an into it; and the sea itself, filled with animalculæ, became almost putrescent. For weeks not a solitary bird flanned the attenuated air, no running fish disturbed the slumbers of the deep; listless and inactive on the silent waters, the Ampyitron seemed indeed,

"As idle as a painted ship,
Upon a painted ocean."

The flour, sugar, vinegar, molasses, and every article of provision, underwent a change, from the nature of a ropy treacle-like consistence; and in the bread, "putrefaction had fermented into life." The dreadful scurvey soon made its appearance, and the easily intended fresh proclaimed that death was preceded by corruption.

Compelled to quench his parching thirst with a fluid more fetrid than the stagnant pool, the dying sailor, with his teeth plucked from their spongy, bleeding gums, almost expiring as he lay, gasped and moaned in his agony. His unsmoothed pillow, bedewed with clammy perspiration, and no kindred eye beaming with sympathy—unconsoled by the hopes of religion—unsoothed by the tender ministrations of death—almost unmarked—his spirit obeys the signal thus shot, and a lifeless mass is all that remains of the once hardy and adventurous seaman.

"The sea and them in death,
They did not think to sever,
It was their home while they had breath
The same their rest for ever."

At length a "catspaw," faint as a fleeting shadow, slightly darkened a spot upon the water, and then disappeared, leaving no trace behind. Again, another and another, imperceptibly increasing in extent and force, until, consolidated at last into one, rippling the ocean with its gentle breath, the Cearing breeze came on. The heavy sails flapped lazily against the mast, as it to rouse them for a coming strife; they gradually distended, the ship slow yielding, gracefully inclined; her prow cleaved the filthy gurdle which environed her, and she resumed her path upon the deep. As we approached the tropics, the atmosphere became hazy and oppressive. Alike in calms and squalls, we were delayed by frequent rains—compared to which, the heaviest showers of our own more favored clime, are as the dew-drop to the overflowing cistern. At times, the arched canopy would be completely overcast by masses of dense black clouds, which, motionless, impended and discharged their content in one continuous torrent.

At night, the sea became brilliantly phosphorescent, and the spray, as dashed aside by the advancing prow, fell over in curls of flame. Here, a beautiful track, clear, distinct, and sparkling, betrayed the course of the flying dolphin, to the bold, rapacious shark—the tiger of the deep—while immense rush left a broad and flaring wake—soon lost in one bright, refulgent whirl, as the destroyer dived into a perfect vortex, and the surface of the ocean, unmoved by undulation, smooth as a mirror, reflected the black and threatening hull, with its iron teeth protruded, and the tall and taper spars, which shooted with cordage. But there are fierce and fiery in these latitudes, untempered by the wind, scorched with the intensity of his blaze. The pitch liquefied and ran from the seams; the oakum was forced from between the planks, and exuded from the pores of the deck. The very sweepings and offal thrown overboard, floated alongside for several fathoms around the ship; the great reservoir was coaled with the black diamond, and fifth throw an into it; and the sea itself, filled with animalculæ, became almost putrescent. For weeks not a solitary bird f